

Lawson aims at tax and base rate cuts

Upbeat message for City after crash

By Robin Oakley and Rodney Lord

Mr Nigel Lawson is expected to give MPs an optimistic picture of the economy in his autumn statement today which will show him with room for manoeuvre for a further round of tax cuts in next spring's Budget.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer's statement could also be the trigger for a further cut in base rates.

Mr Lawson is planning a characteristically upbeat counter to the gloom spread by the recent stock market connotations.

Allowing for the effect of the stock market slide, Mr Law-

son is expected to shade downwards his previous forecast of economic growth. But he will also outline lower expectations for inflation.

The Chancellor, who can do little wrong in Conservative eyes at the moment after his effective role in the election campaign and his triumph over the BP flotation on Thursday, will not give any direct indication of the scope for tax cuts in his statement.

But he is known to be aiming for a reduction in the higher rates of income tax early in this Parliament and he promised at the Conservative

year is likely to be 2.5-3 per cent while inflation is now expected to be 4 per cent or below.

Conservative economists are arguing that the stock market collapse has reduced the demand for credit and the risk of the economy overheating in response to further tax cuts which might otherwise have had to be held back for that reason.

The Chancellor is expected to tell MPs that the spending limit agreed by the public expenditure Committee back in July of £154 billion has been exceeded by about £2 billion-£3 billion, but that it will still meet the Government's aim of a reduction in spending as a proportion of gross domestic product.

Pay awards to nurses, teachers and other public sector workers will cost more money. But the overall total will fall as a proportion of GDP in line with the Cabinet's agreement in July.

MPs believe that the main victims of squeeze in a public spending round which has done much to boost the growing reputation of Mr John Major, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, are likely to be the Ministry of Defence and the Department of Health and Social Security.

Ministers have been saying that Mr Major has displayed in his first public expenditure round an effective combination of firmness and political judgement. Mr Lawson's success in public finance is one factor which could lead to a cut in base rates. But markets are also looking very closely at international developments.

"It's 50-50 this week for a cut in base rates", Mr Stephen Hannan, of County NatWest, said yesterday. "It is very much dependent on the Bundesbank and the Fed."

Today's weekly repurchase rate by the Bundesbank which is expected to be reduced from 3.80 per cent to perhaps 3.60 per cent will be a crucial influence.

Markets are also watching carefully the US Government's quarterly refinancing which begins today to see what degree of support it secures from Japanese investors. If the Bundesbank cuts its rate and US refinancing receives at least moderate support UK rates are more likely to fall.

The autumn statement is expected on balance to reassure markets. An increase in the public expenditure planning total of £154 billion of up to £3 billion has been discounted.



Mr Lawson: Can do little wrong in Tory eyes.

Stock market survives its Settlement Day

By Our City Staff

Settlement Day on the stock market passed without drama yesterday, when investors had to settle their bills for the previous two-week stock exchange trading account, which included "Black Monday".

There had been fears that a number of smaller brokers would be forced to cease trading because of the heavy losses clients had suffered after the collapse in share prices around the world over the past couple of weeks.

A Stock Exchange spokesman said last night that all member firms due to make payments through the central settlement system had met

their obligations. But it is possible that failures may occur in the next few days, if clients who have been given extra time to pay up fail to do so.

Share prices spent a quiet day. The FT-SE 100 index fell 26.1 to 1,723.7, while the narrower FT 30 share index lost 18.2 to 1,342.7. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 13.93 at 2,007.46 in afternoon trading.

The dollar fell again, amid concern over slow progress in talks on the US budget deficit. In London, the pound gained 1.7 cents, closing at \$1.7390.

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Peter Brooke named new Tory party chairman



Mr Brooke leaving his Treasury office last night. (Photograph: Alan Weller)

MPs stunned by low-key appointment

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Mrs Thatcher disappointed Tory MPs and ministers yesterday by naming the little-known Mr Peter Brooke, the Paymaster General, as the new chairman of the Conservative Party.

One minister described the appointment as "bizarre" and predicted that his tenure of office in Smith Square would end in tears.

"You need a big political figure in charge in what is going to be a difficult couple of years for the Government with the legislation over the poll tax, the education reforms and housing."

"The party faithful will need to be buoyed up and Peter Brooke is not the man to do it. He's a very nice, very amiable, very worthy man with a lot of friends, but he lacks that spark, that determination."

"She should have put in a hatchet man to sort out Central Office. Peter's part of the system."

A former senior minister said Mr Brooke had a "safe pair of hands" and would do and say nothing to cause an uproar.

Tory backbenchers were also generally disappointed that Mrs Thatcher had not chosen a more dynamic figure to replace Mr Norman Tebbit. One said he was

"dumbfounded" and could only assume that after the "debacle" of the withdrawal of Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, no front-line minister wanted the job.

Lord Young, the Prime Minister's first choice, ruled himself out of contention when he refused to relinquish any of his current responsibilities at the Department of Trade and Industry.

Staff at Smith Square, however, generally welcomed Mr Brooke's appointment, saying that the former whip and

junior education minister was a solid, honest politician with excellent leadership qualities. "He will be quite a good figurehead", said one senior insider.

They acknowledged that he was hardly a household name among the party rank and file and would have to devote much of his energies to becoming better known.

It was widely believed at Westminster last night that Mr Brooke would be in post for only a couple of years before making way for a more senior figure in the run-up to the next election.

Mr Brooke, aged 53, takes Continued on page 24, col 3

Gorbachov rounds on Kremlin extremists

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Mikhail Gorbachov yesterday used the symbolic occasion of his key-note speech launching celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution to try and heal the rapidly growing rift between conservatives and reformers inside the Soviet Communist Party.

He made two tactical concessions to the opponents of reform. In a move which severely disappointed many Soviet intellectuals he conspicuously failed in the keenly-awaited history section to spell out the grimmest details of the Stalinist terror.

But he also delivered a sharp attack on those inside the party hierarchy whom he accused of "impatience" by demanding that the pace of reform be accelerated.

The marathon three-hour address to 6,000 delegates in the Kremlin was broadcast live on Soviet television. It came as Mr Gorbachov was faced by what senior diplomats here regard as the most serious political crisis of his career caused by deep dif-

ferences inside the Politburo.

The speech came less than a fortnight after Mr Boris Yeltsin, the abrasive chief of the Moscow Communist Party, threatened to resign both his party and Politburo posts because of what he alleged was a campaign against the reforms being waged in the Communist hierarchy.

"It would be a mistake to take no notice of a certain increase in the resistance of

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the conservative forces that see perestroika (restructuring) simply as a threat to their selfish interests and objective," declared Mr Gorbachov.

"This resistance can be felt not only at management level, but also in work collectives."

His warning followed reports of two recent strikes mounted by bus drivers and assembly-line workers against the economic reforms.

These are regarded by Western embassies as representing what one diplomat called "the tip of the iceberg" of industrial discontent sparked off by new, Western-style work methods.

In addition, Pravda last week published a front-page article urging its 10 million readers not to indulge in the wave of panic buying which it said was sweeping through many Soviet cities as a result of malicious rumours of impending price rises resulting from the reforms.

Speaking under a giant statue of Lenin, Mr Gorbachov said pointedly: "Nor can one really doubt that the conservative forces will seize upon any difficulty in a bid to discredit perestroika and provoke dissatisfaction among the people."

In what was seen as an indirect rebuff to Mr Yegor Ligachev, the Kremlin number two and the leading conservative voice inside the Politburo, the Soviet leader added angrily: "Naturally,

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Irishman paid too much for coaster

By Christopher Mosey in Stockholm, Philip Jacobson in Brest, Roger Boyes in Valletta and John Cooney in Dublin

The fifty-year-old coaster seized by the French authorities with a huge haul of arms and explosives on board was bought by a "pleasant Irishman" in the summer for vastly more than its Swedish owner expected, it was disclosed yesterday.

The 239-ton Dutch-built Eksund, which has spent the last ten years plying across the Baltic with cargoes of grain, was valued at £35,000 by its owner Mr Bruno Gustavsson, but a Irishman who went to Sweden in the summer to buy it was prepared to pay £50,000 to secure the sale, and eventually did so. He said he wanted it to carry freight on African rivers.

Mr Gustavsson's agent, Mr Jan Schott of Göteborg, said he thought it was "remarkable" that the man, who made three trips to Sweden before signing a deal at the end of June, was prepared to pay so

CBI chiefs condemn poll tax

By Edward Townsend

Business leaders yesterday called on the Government to scrap the proposed uniform business rates and introduce a new, less expensive system to allow businesses to opt out of paying for the social services.

Delegates at the Confederation of British Industry's 11th annual conference in Glasgow made clear their opposition to the Government's proposals, which would "lead neither to greater accountability nor to a clear connection between spending and local taxation."

The CBI wants industry to contribute to the running of local services, such as the police and education, but wants to opt out of "bottomless pits" such as social services.

This, it believes, could achieve its aim of a 25 per cent cut in rates at a saving of about £2 billion on industry's £8 billion a year rates bill.

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Woolwich Arsenal may be rescued from ruin

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

The Ministry of Defence is to dispose of scores of listed historic buildings which it cannot afford to maintain or restore.

It has set up a Historic Military Buildings committee of government officials, heritage organizations, architects and developers to find alternative commercial uses for listed properties which are redundant and in several cases falling down.

The properties range from old naval roperies to Victorian barracks to gunboat yards. Top of the list come the Royal Arsenal at Woolwich, the Grahame White hangar at RAF Hendon where modern military avi-

ation began, the Napoleonic East Barracks at Deal, and Fort Rowner at Gosport built by Lord Palmerston.

The move follows fierce criticism of the MoD's stewardship of its estate from the all-party Commons environment committee and others.

In a report on Britain's historic buildings and ancient monuments earlier this year, the Tory-controlled committee said the MoD was not following the highest standards of conservation expected of government departments and spoke of "the scandalous neglect suffered by some historic buildings at Woolwich Arsenal".

In a separate report on the Government's Property Services

Agency the committee recorded the MoD's admission that many of its unused historic buildings receive "absolute minimum maintenance".

It continued: "We understand why MoD claim that they must spend their money on primary defence purposes, rather than maintaining the some 500 historic buildings on their estate. But we do not consider that such buildings should have been allowed to fall into such decay."

The committee, to be chaired by Mr Roger Freeman, Under Secretary of State at the ministry, will examine each site in turn and decide on the most appropriate use. If no military function is possible and if no heritage organization is interested in taking it

on, the private sector will be invited to buy it for commercial, industrial or residential use on condition that it is properly restored and maintained.

While proceeds from the sales would in many cases be paltry because of the dilapidation of the properties, the MoD would derive considerable benefit from being freed of these substantial liabilities.

The committee includes Professor William Whitfield, a leading architect, Mr Stuart Lipton, an eminent commercial property developer, and representatives of the MoD, the Department of Environment and English Heritage. The Woolwich Arsenal will be the first site examined early in the New Year.

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TSB approval

A six-hour meeting of TSB shareholders approved the takeover of Hill Samuel despite strong protests. Page 25

Soccer charge

Terry Butcher, of Rangers and England, became the fourth player charged with conduct likely to cause a breach of the peace during the recent Rangers-Celtic game. Page 48

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NEWS SUMMARY

Judge and jury hail child screens

Three child molesters were found guilty yesterday of a series of sexual attacks, thanks to a device which spared their victims from facing them in court.

Five abused youngsters gave evidence at the Central Criminal Court from behind a wooden screen which was later praised by both judge and jury.

Judge Pigot, the Common Sergeant, described the case as "harrowing and nauseating". The men, one of them the stepfather of four of the victims, will be sentenced today.

Rag dolls were used to help the children to describe the more explicit details of their abuse. Social workers sat near by, ready to comfort the children if they became upset.

Call for inquiry

Ministers yesterday demanded an inquiry into how a cross-Channel ferry left Boulogne for Folkestone on Sunday carrying 238 passengers more than its legal limit.

As soon as the error was detected, when tickets were double-checked on board, the captain turned round the Horsa and the extra passengers were left at Boulogne.

Sealink British Ferries, owners of the ferry, said it had not left the harbour when it turned back. The company held an inquiry yesterday.

Car theft charge

A businessman aged 33 was charged yesterday with stealing a car owned by Mrs Shirley Banks from Bristol who disappeared 26 days ago, just four weeks after her wedding.

John Cannan, of Bridge Road, Leigh Woods, Bristol was charged with stealing Mrs Banks's Mini Clubman. He was also accused of assault with intent to rob at a women's fashion shop in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

Mr Cannan was remanded in custody until Friday by Bristol magistrates.

Move to boost post

The Post Office has begun talks to see whether the standard of postal deliveries can be improved on Saturdays. Sir Bryan Nicholson, the chairman, is hoping staff will agree to a pilot scheme as part of his campaign to improve the service.

However his hopes of reaching agreement with staff on later collections and deliveries on Saturday are threatened by the threat of a strike by the Union of Communication Workers over a shorter working week which could seriously disrupt Christmas mail.

As the union ballots its members on the issue, Sir Bryan has said he would be prepared to see the Post Office monopoly surrendered rather than to give in to the union.

Promise for ANC

Two members of the African National Congress went to the High Court yesterday to ensure their personal safety and protect documents held by the police which may provide evidence for a damages claim against three men in an alleged kidnap plot.

Mr Solly Smith and Dr Frene Giniewala won legally binding promises from lawyers acting for the three men who had been accused, until charges were dropped last month, of planning to kidnap them and other leading ANC members.

5,000 support strike

The 5,000 staff of Manchester's social services department staged a half-day strike yesterday in support of their director who is being forced to take early retirement.

The strikers, who were not called out by their unions, are campaigning to save the job of the city's Director of Social Services, Miss Irene Walton, aged 57, who has been told to leave her post by left-wing leaders of the city council.

About 1,000 workers demonstrated outside Manchester Town Hall and only emergency services operated. Workers say any shortcomings in services have been caused by council-imposed cuts and are not the fault of Miss Walton.

Two RAF pilots killed as Harrier jets collide

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

Two RAF pilots died yesterday when their Harrier GR3 jets collided over the Otterburn firing range in Northumberland.

The aircraft were making their second practice attack of the day against a series of simulated targets, using practice cluster bombs, rockets and cannon when, it is believed, they clipped wings and plunged into the ground.

The Harriers, from No 3 Squadron, had taken off from their home base at Gütersloh

in West Germany and joined dozens of other aircraft from Nato air forces in Exercise Mallet Blow, held four times a year by the RAF to enable pilots to practise ground attack.

After a successful morning sortie the aircraft had flown to Lossiemouth, in Grampian, to rearm and refuel. They then joined a six-man formation attacking a simulated runway with penetration bombs. In a runway attack the aircraft fly in pairs in line astern with about 50 yards between them and each then breaks clear. The aim is to get all six aircraft

through the target within 20 seconds.

Something went wrong, possibly as the aircraft split to avoid simulated missile sites, and the two planes crashed into the ground from less than 500 ft and at more than 300 mph.

The RAF immediately launched an inquiry into the accident, which brings to at least 35 the number of aircraft lost in low flying accidents over the past five years and the deaths of nearly 30 air crew.

The Harriers of 3 Squadron

are briefed to combat any sudden Soviet ground attack. They each cost about £11 million and are armed with bombs and rockets designed to penetrate heavy armour.

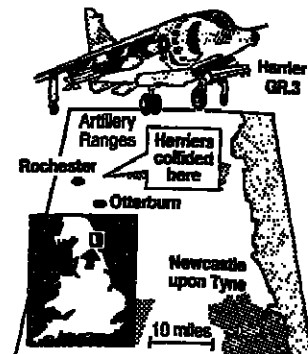
Crews regularly practise very low level high-speed attack runs against hulks of cars or buildings on the firing range at Otterburn.

The Harrier collision led to renewed calls for a full inquiry into low flying exercises. Mr Alan Beith, Liberal MP for Berwick on Tweed, said that he would be calling for a review. Pressure has been growing for some months for

the RAF to seek low flying training areas overseas.

The inquest on the pilot of the Harrier GR5 which flew unmanned for more than 500 miles after he was sucked out of his seat, has been put back to late January. The inquiry board believes that only if the Harrier's wreckage is raised from the bed of the sea off Ireland can it establish the facts in detail.

That will be a difficult task and the Royal Navy is still not convinced that the recovery vessel, HMS Challenger, can do it. Because the jet fell from



30,000 ft it is thought it may have broken up on impact and wreckage could be scattered over a wide area.

London may avoid poll tax switch in one go

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, is working on proposals designed to allow most of the country to switch to the poll tax in one go but to introduce special arrangements to mitigate the effects in central London.

With support for a one-off introduction growing, but little apparent backing among MPs for giving local authorities the discretion to decide whether to phase, Mr Ridley is again examining the London factor, which has always presented the biggest obstacle to his long-held desire for a straight introduction across the country.

With the Inner London Education Authority precept falling on top of the rates, there is deep opposition among MPs to the idea of central London going over to the poll tax in one go. In Camden, north London, it has been estimated that each adult would pay a community charge of £782.

MPs from the outer London area are thought to be keener on the idea of a single introduction. A Cabinet committee chaired by the Prime Minister will look at the latest options today but there is unlikely to be a final decision.

One possibility being considered by Mr Ridley is the introduction of general rules which would mean that only those councils whose rate income went above a certain fixed level would have to phase in the poll tax.

By setting the figure high, only the high-spending councils in inner London and certain pockets elsewhere would phase and the rest of the country could scrap rates earlier or even go for a single introduction.

The Government is proposing a £30 million bail-out for the inhabitants of the City of London to save them from poll tax bills that could total £9,000 a head (Our Public

Administration Correspondent writes).

The government scheme, the Association of Metropolitan Authorities said yesterday, would mean "effectively all poll tax payers will be subsidising the City's expenditure".

In the first year of the community charge residents in the City, which has only 4,400 permanent residents but the wealthiest tax base in the country, face bills of £8,995 compared with a projected national average in England of £224.

Those large bills are because in Whitehall's eyes the City is a consistent overspender. If the City cut its spending to what the Government says it needs to spend, then its future poll tax bill would only be £178 a head.

Within three years of the poll tax being introduced, City residents could face bills of £9,512 a head.

The Department of the Environment has been seeking ways of saving the City from the consequences of the new system. Under poll tax, every pound a council spends above government-approved levels has to be met directly by the adult population. The City's overspending this year is about £37 million. Divided by the small resident population, that would produce huge individual bills for the residents of the Barbican and the few flats and houses elsewhere in the City.

The department's solution is to let the City keep some of the huge amount it collects in rates from City businesses. The Government proposes to take over business rates from every other council and then redistribute the proceeds, except in the City.

The problem is that such a scheme would cut by £30 million the money available to redistribute to other councils.

Plastic bullets fired at funeral



Mourners clashing with the RUC, who fired plastic bullets and stones, at the funeral of the IRA men in Londonderry yesterday.

By John Cooney

Police in riot gear fired plastic bullets at Irish republican mourners after six shots were fired by a masked gunman during the funeral procession of two IRA terrorists in Londonderry yesterday.

The gunman fired six shots from a handgun into the air as the coffin of Edward McSheffrey and Patrick Deery were within reach of the city's cemetery.

After the gunman disappeared into the crowd, the Royal Ulster Constabulary quickly moved forward to surround the coffins. As stones and glasses were thrown at them, the RUC fired plastic bullets and used batons.

First reports indicated that four men and three women were admitted to hospital for injuries ranging from severe bruising to superficial cuts. Two RUC men also sustained injuries.

The procession had been held up for three and a half hours as police insisted that the mourners should not go through the republican Bogside area. The police feared

that a provocative paramilitary display might be staged there.

Earlier the IRA and Sinn Féin had forced the local Roman Catholic Church authorities to allow the two coffins into St Eugene's Cathedral for the requiem Mass. That was in defiance of a ruling by Bishop Edward Daly forbidding the remains of IRA men to be present in the church during the service.

As the bodies approached the cathedral the diocesan administrator, the Rev Neil

McGoldrick, told the families that the bishop was allowing the funerals under protest. He was allowing them admission to avoid "unbecoming scenes".

After the Mass, Irish tricolours were put on both coffins. Police were taken aback when the cortege began to move towards another exit. There was scuffling between police and mourners.

Mr Gerry Adams and Mr Martin McGuinness, Sinn Féin leaders, took part in the one and a half mile journey to the cemetery.

Taxmen press on with jockey inquiry

By Tony Dawe

Tax investigators are determined to complete their detailed inquiries into "under the counter" payments in horse racing before they accede to the Jockey Club's request to help put its house in order.

The taxmen believe it would be wrong to co-operate with racing's ruling body when leading jockeys still face possible prosecution in the wake of the Lester Piggott scandal.

Investigators from the Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise interviewed a

dozen top jockeys during their inquiries, which led to the three-year jail sentence imposed on Piggott.

Customs officers, who were probing the failure to pay value added tax, have completed their investigation and say no further action will be taken. However, an Inland Revenue official said yesterday: "The investigation into the racing world, out of which the Lester Piggott case sprang, has not been concluded, but no prosecutions are pending at the moment".

The Jockey Club wrote to

the Inland Revenue after the Piggott case, requesting advice on its rules governing payments to jockeys. Earnings, including riding fees and percentages of prize money, are laid down under the rules of racing and jockeys' retainers must also be registered with the club.

However "presents" to jockeys from grateful owners are not controlled and can include cash payments or even a share in a race-winning colt when it goes to stud.

One of the Jockey Club's aims is to produce a leaflet for jockeys telling them which of

their earnings and presents are taxable.

The jockeys themselves are in dispute with the Inland Revenue over "owners' betting accounts" which were revealed during Piggott's trial. He had amassed £2.2 million in 12 years from the proceeds of bets placed by owners on winning horses he had ridden.

Other jockeys have similar but less well-endowed accounts and argue that no tax should be paid on them since the owners paid gambling duty when placing the bet. The dispute could yet end in the High Court.

Men in the news

A man 'too nice' for Central Office

Mr Peter Brooke, the new Conservative Party chairman, faces a formidable task (Our Political Editor writes).

Tory MPs were disappointed by his appointment yesterday. One after another said how nice he was and most went on to emphasize the need for somebody who was not very nice to be installed in Central Office to cut out the deadwood and reinvigorate the system.

"It has interim appointment stamped all over it", said one senior Tory. Another said: "Peter will be marvellous at soothing the National Union, but that isn't what we need".

One MP with working experience in Central Office, said: "This is a safety first appointment when what we need is a vigorous company doctor from outside".

Few men in Government are considered straighter than Mr Brooke. He is unfailingly courteous and it is doubtful if he has an enemy in politics. But no one can recall a Brooke speech which has made the headlines. His style is sober, verging on the ponderous.

The son of the former Conservative Home Secretary, Lord Brooke, Mr Brooke was educated at Marlborough, Balliol and the Harvard Business School. He was president of the Union in his Oxford days.

Mr Brooke, a widower with three sons, is a former Camden councillor and a former vice president of the National Union of Students. He was picked as candidate for the City of Westminster seat on the departure of Mr Christopher Tugendhat to become a Common Market Commissioner and has been an MP since February 1977.

He served in the Whips Office through the 1979-83 Parliament and then became an Under Secretary for Education in 1983.

In 1985 Mrs Margaret Thatcher switched him to the Treasury as Minister of State and he has made his mark there as a solidly reliable performer, gaining the additional title of Paymaster General in the post-election reshuffle.

A high-flyer who knows No 10 well

Sir Philip Woodfield, the retired Civil Servant appointed yesterday by the Prime Minister as the new Security Ombudsman, has had an operational relationship with M15 and worked with several Prime Ministers (David Walker writes).

For seven months after Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, first became Prime Minister in the 1960s, Sir Philip served as his private secretary, specializing in parliamentary and home affairs. He left Number 10 in April 1965 to become secretary of the special committee headed by Lord Mountbatten of Burma that investigated immigration into Britain and prison security.

As a Civil Service high-flyer, Sir Philip had worked as a private secretary at Number 10 since 1961, under the late Lord Stockton (Mr Harold Macmillan) and Lord Home of the Hirsel. The Home Office was the department in which he made his career; he moved in 1972 to help Lord

Whitelaw establish the Northern Ireland Office.

Working as a deputy secretary at Stormont during the 1970s, it is virtually certain that he dealt directly with the security service in the battle against IRA terrorism. Sir Philip later became permanent secretary at the Northern Ireland Office.

Mrs Thatcher has appointed a man who - judging by his membership of the Garrick club and his reputation among former colleagues as a "keen party-goer" - does not lack humanity.

Since his retirement he has been useful to his former department and others as a "fireman". He headed the Staff Commission looking after the interests of local government officials displaced by the abolition of the Greater London Council and the metropolitan counties; most recently, he entered the legal minefield surrounding charities to conduct a scrutiny of the way they are regulated.

Fines for drivers in thick fog

Motorists driving without dipped headlights in thick fog on the M25 yesterday were stopped by police and given fixed penalty tickets (Our Motor Industry Correspondent writes).

Slow-moving traffic on the M25 and M3 made it easier for police to pull drivers over to issue £12 penalty tickets.

Police in Warwickshire equip motorway patrol cars in foggy conditions with signs instructing motorists to switch on their lights.

At Heathrow Airport yesterday morning visibility was down to 100 yards. More than 100 flights were cancelled, with 37 in-bound services diverted to other airports.

It was after midday before airlines began to clear the backlog. Birmingham airport was also affected, visibility falling to 300 yards. Mr Brian Smith, aged 39, was crushed to death when a crane driver failed to see him through the swirling mist as he supervised the loading of a ship at Felixstowe Port in Suffolk.

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Urban regeneration

East End prosperity sought

A brass band playing the BBC's *EastEnders* theme tune heralded the rebirth of Glasgow's own East End yesterday.

Mr Michael Forsyth, Under Secretary of State at the Scottish Office, and Mr Donald Dewar, shadow Scottish Secretary, inaugurated the East End Executive, the team which has accepted responsibility for renewing an area that was once synonymous with deprivation.

The executive is the successor to Gear, the 10-year-old renewal project run by the Scottish Development Agency, Strathclyde Region and Glasgow District Council.

Using a mix of public and private sector finance, it aims to attract new enterprise and jobs to the area. At the launch, in the Winter Gardens of the People's Palace in Glasgow, both Mr Forsyth and Mr Dewar emphasized the importance of combining private enterprise with individual flair and public support.

Mr John Hooper, the executive's chairman, said: "The executive has come into being to energize this area of Glasgow and encourage the

creation of an economic climate that will, in the long run, see a more prosperous East End".

A message of support from Mr Charles Wilson, editor of *The Times* and himself an *EastEnders* fan, would like to think that Glasgow's East End will continue to be the standard against which other inner city projects are measured.

More than 5,000 acres of inner London worth potentially around £5 billion lie derelict and unused, and against that background, the Association of London Bor-

The £5,500 cost of the study, to be carried out by Freeman Fox, international consultants in railway engineering, will be met by the Development Commission for Rural England, North Yorkshire County Council and the local authorities in Ryedale and Scarborough.

At present, steam trains of the North York Moors Railway carry 350,000 passengers a year on an 18 miles line between Pickering and Grosmont.

Plans for the development of inner London say that the same investment methods that transformed docklands from dereliction into some of the most highly valued real estate in the country, could develop land now lying fenced off and unused to provide industry, jobs and housing, particularly with a financial crisis looming next March when the new rates are set and council spending is cut

Prisoners to move from camp

Rollstone Camp on Salisbury Plain, used to house prison inmates as an emergency measure, is to be handed back to the Army, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, said yesterday.

The Home Office expects police cells to be emptied of Prison Department inmates in about a fortnight. At present 910 people are still held in police cells.

Mr Hurd said that more than 400 prisoners had stayed at the camp.

Self-destructing viruses to replace insecticides

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Scientists are developing a genetically engineered virus that will kill insect pests and then destroy itself.

Successful laboratory experiments for modifying the genes of a microbe known as a baculovirus so that it will "self-destruct" once its task is completed were described yesterday by Professor David Bishop, of the Institute of Virology at Oxford.

Professor Bishop believes it will be about five years before a modified baculovirus and a number of other genetically altered microbes come into general use as an alternative to

chemical sprays for controlling agricultural pests.

He was speaking to a meeting called by the Royal Society, to discuss the risks and benefits associated with the release into the environment of genetically altered micro-organisms, plants and animals.

He said a method of biological control could be aimed at one particular pest without worrying if it would affect other wildlife, animals or people. Chemical insecticides were more indiscriminate, with the additional hazard that chemical residues persisted in the environment.

Professor Bishop said it was prudent to make sure new genetically created organisms released for biological control would eventually kill themselves.

The Oxford research team has applied for permission from the new government committee for the release of genetically engineered organisms to try out the self-destruct virus in Scotland for infecting a moth caterpillar that attacks pine trees.

The experiment would be the second part of a three-stage research programme to

make control of infestation of pine trees more effective.

The types of viruses chosen by Professor Bishop's group already exist in nature. Two have been used in their non-altered form for biological warfare against the caterpillars of the pine sawfly moth and the pine beauty moth.

The micro-organisms are sprayed over the leaves and swallowed when a hungry caterpillar chews a leaf.

The object of genetic engineering is to make the virus a more potent toxin to the caterpillar.

In testing the idea, the

scientists had first to show that they could identify a strain altered in the laboratory from a naturally occurring one and, second, cause it to self-destruct.

The self-destruct mechanism occurs because viruses have a "protected" and "naked" form. Protection is given by a surrounding coat of protein that protects the viral particle.

By deleting one of the genes in the virus, the protein coat is absent. With no protection, the microbe is easily destroyed when it is shed by a dead caterpillar.

Labour criticizes curb on benefit payments

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Proposed curbs on the payment of several social security benefits were yesterday criticized by the Labour Party which argued that 700,000 people would have their benefits reduced or withdrawn.

Mr Robin Cook, Labour spokesman on health and social security, condemned the plan to stop paying unemployment benefit to anyone under the age of 18 who chose to remain out of work.

Speaking during the second reading of the Social Security Bill, Mr John Moore, the

Secretary of State for Social Services, outlined the Government's plan to strengthen the links between participation in work and the payment of benefits.

Any school-leaver under 18 who refused a Youth Training Scheme place would have his benefit withdrawn.

There will be tighter conditions before unemployment and sickness benefit is paid and stricter rules for the payment of unemployment benefits to those retiring at 55 with occupational pensions.

Birmingham pub bombings

QC faults forensic evidence that led to life term for six

By David Sapsted

Fundamental doubts surround the competence and credibility of a Home Office forensic scientist whose evidence was crucial to the convictions of six men for the murders in the Birmingham public house bombings, the Court of Appeal was told yesterday.

Lord Gifford, QC, told the court on the first day of the appeal — switched from the Law Courts to the Central Criminal Court on security grounds — that the findings of Dr Frank Skuse had "cast a blighting shadow" over the police investigation and the trial.

The judges, the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, Justice O'Connor and Justice Simon Brown, were told by Lord Gifford that the six appellants had to be counted among the victims of the Birmingham bombings 13 years ago while those truly guilty remained free.

He said that in the wake of the bombings on November 21, 1974, in which 21 people died and more than 150 were injured when the Mulberry Bush and the Tavern in the Town public houses in Birmingham city centre were blown up, "the whole country was affected by the horror of these crimes".

There was enormous anger and attacks on Irish property. "The question was whether the process of law was free from that emotion or whether the police, expert witnesses and distinguished lawyers and judges have not given their best in this case."

Lord Gifford said fresh evidence would be presented in a challenge to the original scientific tests purporting to show that at least two of the six had handled nitroglycerine.

He also contended that the

written confessions made by four of the appellants had been extracted after beatings, threats and psychological pressure by the police during the first two days the six were held in custody.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, referred the case to the Court of Appeal in January after a campaign over the convictions and life sentences imposed on Hugh Callaghan, aged 57; Patrick Hill, aged 42; Robert Hunter, aged 41; Richard McKelvey, aged 53; William Power, aged 42; and John Walker, aged 52.

Lord Gifford said that five of the six, all of whom were republican sympathizers, were arrested on the night of the bombings at Heysham, Lancashire. They were on their way from their Birmingham homes to attend the funeral of James McDade, an IRA man who had blown himself up planting a bomb outside the Coventry telephone exchange. The sixth man, Callaghan, was later arrested in Birmingham.

Dr Skuse, then at the North West Forensic Science Laboratory, administered Greiss tests to the hands of the five originally held and found that Power and Hill both had positive readings.

That test, Lord Gifford said, is considered only a presumptive or screening test. "That is, you cannot make a positive diagnosis on the presence of nitroglycerine by the Greiss test alone."

Yet Dr Skuse had told the trial that he was 99 per cent sure that the tests proved the men had handled the explosive.

Lord Gifford questioned the way those and subsequent tests were conducted and claimed that recent work by scientists had shown that the method used by Dr Skuse could result in positive read-

ings from the nitro-cellulose used in such things as varnishes, paints, playing cards and cigarette packets.

"We submit that the whole history of this scientific dispute throws the gravest doubt on Dr Skuse's competence as a scientist and his credibility as a witness", he said.

The initial positive findings must have had "an electrifying effect" on the West Midlands officers who had travelled to Lancashire to interview the men, he said.

Between 9.30am on November 22 and 7.30pm the following day, four had made written confessions. "The appellants said they had been assaulted, threatened, abused, intimidated, deprived of food, deprived of sleep, and subjected to such physical and psychological pressure that four of them succumbed and put their signatures to false confessions that had been written out by police officers", he said.

He listed allegations by the six that they had been beaten in the body, face and genitalia after they had been taken to Birmingham; that their lives had been threatened by police officers, one of whom was said to have put a revolver in Callaghan's mouth; and that they were told their families were in danger of being lynched.

They were also not allowed to sleep and were given no food between breakfast on the November 22 and a pork pie 36 hours later, Lord Gifford submitted. "It was the overall combination of pressure which caused those who broke down and confessed in writing, to do so."

Observers in the court yesterday included Mr Andrew O'Rourke, the Republic of Ireland's ambassador in London, and Mr Christopher Mullin, Labour MP, whose book on the case, *Error of Judgement*, was one of the main reasons why Mr Hurd referred it to the Court of Appeal.

Others occupying the special section set aside for observers included the Bishop of Derry, Mr Paschal Mooney, an Irish senator; Mr Frank Doris, a Massachusetts state senator; and Mr Michael O'Riordan, chairman of the Irish Communist Party.

The hearing continues today.

Appeal of Private Micklewite



Michael Caine, the film actor, launched the 1987 Poppy Appeal yesterday at the Banqueting House in Whitehall, London.

The former 22486547, Fusilier Micklewite, M (Mr Caine's real surname), said he was one of the lucky ones, who returned home "sound in mind and body" after service with the Royal Fusiliers in Korea.

He said he had agreed to take part in

the Royal British Legion appeal because he felt it was important to remember the battles of the past to avoid battles of the future.

Mr Ted Jobson, chairman of the appeal, said he hoped the week of fundraising, ending on Remembrance Sunday, would see record sums collected to help war victims and their families.

Mr Caine said he had no objection to

white poppies being circulated by the Peace Pledge Union if they were to provide money for the appeal fund.

However, General Sir Edward Burgess, former Deputy Supreme Allied Commander in Europe and current president of the legion, said the peace campaigners ought to choose an alternative time of year for their appeal.

(Photograph: John Rogers)

Portfolio Gold
£4,000 win heralds festivities

Mr David Walker, winner of yesterday's £4,000 prize in the Portfolio Gold competition, intends to use his winnings to make Christmas an occasion to remember at his home in Bedfordshire. After that, he hopes to take his wife and young son on a new year holiday to Greece.

Mr Walker, aged 41, of Gainsborough Drive, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, is a commodity broker and occasionally has unexpected windfalls but never in competitions. However, over the past few weeks, he has been close to winning Portfolio Gold on several occasions and felt luck was with him.

He said: "I knew that my day wasn't far away and it's rather nice that it has happened; rather like having a good day at the office."

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Guard lit fires

Paul Martin, aged 23, a security guard, of Chestnut Drive, Marton, Middlesbrough, was jailed for three years for arson and attempted arson by Teesside Crown Court after starting five fires on his first two nights at a £10 million oil installation.

Crash award

Mr Gustave Simonson, a teacher, who was left with severe brain injuries after a car crash in 1983 in which his wife died was awarded £250,000 damages in the High Court yesterday.

Lawyers are sued over divorce of Ringo Starr

The former wife of Ringo Starr, the Beatles drummer, is suing the solicitors who acted for her in the divorce for breach of contract and negligence.

In a High Court action in London which is expected to last three weeks, Mrs Maureen Starkey (her former husband's real name is Richard Starkey), alleges that the London legal firm Withers did not properly investigate Ringo Starr's means and financial affairs or the adequacy of the divorce agreement.

The couple were divorced in

BA fifth in poll on airlines

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

British Airways is the world's most improved airline but it has a long way to go before it can justify its claim to be "the world's favourite".

According to the most comprehensive survey yet undertaken of airline passengers' views, Swissair and Singapore Airlines consistently outshine all the rest.

Although British Airways is easily the most improved airline, it is still only fifth overall out of the 100 airlines mentioned in the poll.

"The survey is saying to BA 'you have come a long way,

but you have still got a long way to go", Mr Geoffrey Lipman, executive director of the International Foundation of Airline Passenger Associations, which conducted the survey, said.

The foundation, whose survey was largely funded by Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, interviewed more than 30,000 international passengers. It discovered there was a close link between the efficiency of an airport and the airline operating from it.

Singapore's Changi airport,

for example, figured prominently among the most widely preferred airports.

"In Europe passengers are becoming aware of the constraints imposed by a lack of airport space and we have somehow got to push for those constraints to be lifted", Mr Lipman said.

The survey shows that punctuality is by far the most important factor in influencing the choice of regional airline, with convenient scheduling topping the list for flights lasting between two and five hours.

Daughter was killed by mother

A mother who pushed her daughter, aged four, to her death from the window of the tower block in which they lived was jailed for five years yesterday.

The High Court in Edinburgh was told that a boy in a flat above saw what he thought was a doll falling from the fifth floor window of Georgina Walker's home 59ft above the ground.

Walker, aged 31, a mother of two, of Cables Wynd House, Leith, Edinburgh, first claimed her daughter Michelle had fallen but later admitted pushing her from the window.

She was charged with murder on July 12 this year. However yesterday she pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of culpable homicide due to diminished responsibility.

Mr Donald Mackay, QC, for the defence, said Walker had found it extremely difficult to cope with her daughter when she had another baby, a boy currently awaiting adoption.

European art sets world records

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

Two world records were set yesterday as the European art market showed few signs of reflecting the depressed state of stock exchanges.

A watercolour landscape by the English nineteenth century artist David Roberts, "The Pool of Bethesda", went for a record £39,600 to Agnew's at Phillips. The sale of English drawings and watercolours achieved a total of £320,045, although 26 per cent remained unsold.

A disappointment was the set of five murals of birds and cats by Edward Burne-Jones, estimated at up to £10,000 each, which failed to sell.

In Amsterdam, at its annual Dutch, Flemish and German drawings sale, Sotheby's was left with an important Rubens drawing in red chalk, "Moses Striking the Rock".

Top lot was a picture of dogs' heads attributed to Van Dyck which fetched £82,290. The world record at the sale was £24,687 for a drawing of a

male nude by the seventeenth century Dutchman Adriaen van de Velde, bought by B Haboldt, the New York dealer.

Mr George Gordon of Sotheby's said some Americans had been dissuaded from bidding, although he added: "The stock market hasn't had

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an effect in Holland, and so they were fairly unruffled".

The total takings for the sale were £341,753, with 21 per cent unsold.

A fine Chinese export punch bowl dated about 1805, possibly made for Sir Charles Price, Lord Mayor of London and Master of the Ironmongers' Company, was bought at Christie's by the same company for £26,400. It is considered one of the finest paintings on porcelain made for the European market.

Blackmail fear over race Bill

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

A campaign supported by the church to oppose proposals in the forthcoming Immigration Bill was begun yesterday.

The Bill, which has not yet been published, is expected to deny persons claiming welfare benefits the right to be joined from abroad by elderly members of their family. A church conference at the weekend deplored that as an attack on family life.

Mr Paul Boateng, Labour MP for Brent South and chairman of the conference called by the British Council of Churches, said yesterday it would be "fraught with danger" to change the law so that overstaying in Britain beyond the permitted period of residence would be a criminal offence.

The conference felt it would encourage blackmail. Now, the law limits the offence to the first 12 months of overstaying.

Storm-struck fruit growers seek help

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Horticultural industry leaders lobbied the Ministry of Agriculture yesterday, seeking help for growers faced with bills for millions of pounds after hurricane force winds struck South-east England 19 days ago.

Mr Jeremy Sayers, chairman of the central horticultural committee of the National Farmers' Union, told Lady Trumpington, Parliamentary Secretary at the ministry, that at least 250,000 fruit trees had been blown out of the ground and a further 500,000 badly damaged.

About 14,500 tonnes of fruit had been blown off the trees and a further 8,500 tonnes in cold stores were at risk because of power failures. The worst affected areas were Kent, Sussex and parts of Hampshire.

Hop growers have also been badly affected. In Kent, seven or eight hopfields are reckoned to be total losses. Elsewhere trees planted to protect

Plans to revive the English hop industry after a quarter of a century of decline at the hands of Continental lager were announced yesterday.

Mr Hugh Philbrick, chairman of English Hops Ltd, said that in 1963, English and West German production of hops was roughly equal at about 13,000 tonnes a year. Since then, output in England had fallen to around 5,000 tonnes, while in Germany it had increased to some 35,000 tonnes; in the past five years alone the English hop acreage had halved.

the plants from high winds have fallen across the supporting wires.

Mr Sayers said his delegation had received a sympathetic hearing. The industry's assessment of the damage more or less coincided with the ministry's assessment.

He and his colleagues were asking for an extension of the grant scheme for replanting fruit trees and rebuilding

In an attempt to reverse the decline, English Hops has formed a new partnership with Hopunion Dower Wood Ltd, itself a joint venture by a firm of East Anglian barley merchants and a Nuremberg company which has interests in the United States, Denmark, Switzerland and Australia.

The new company has acquired what is described as the only large hop extraction plant in Britain from Pauls Hop Products, in Reigate, Surrey which will shortly be moved to Paddock Wood, in Kent.

glasshouses, which was introduced to encourage growers to modernize and which was due to expire next April.

Mr John Gummer, Minister of State for Agriculture, said yesterday that there was likely to be more sympathy for those who had suffered uninsured losses, such as the destruction of fruit trees, than for glasshouse growers, for example, who should be covered by insurance.

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Parkinson rejects CBI fears on power price rises

Electricity is provided to British industry at very competitive prices, Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, said at a question time. He did not share the view attributed to Mr John Bannham, Director General of the Confederation of British Industry, that privatization would lead to a £12 billion increase in industrial electricity prices.

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The Government and the Opposition clashed during Commons questions over privatization of the electricity industry.

Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition spokesman on energy, asked if the Government agreed with Lord Marshall, chairman of the CEBG, that privatization would mean the industry would lose the benefits of economies of scale, that it would seriously prejudice security of supplies and would increase prices?

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properly utilized, should result in British Coal's being a most efficient supplier, able to meet the demands of a privatized electricity supply industry efficiently and effectively.

Mr Kevin Barra (Rother Valley, Lab) said that about sixty million tonnes of coal were now supplied to the CEBG at less than current prices. In any break up of competitive generation industry, would the CEBG be instructed to carry on this supply to protect the mining communities of Britain?

Mr Parkinson said that he could not bind a privatized industry to buy coal from any particular supplier. But if British Coal was a reliable, efficient and competitive supplier, there would be no reason for the supply industry to look elsewhere for coal.

The Government was looking to British Coal to use investment in the industry well. Management and unions should stop wasting time on useless work-to-rule and overtime bans and get down to the business of developing modern working methods.

Mr John Marshall (Hendon South, C) said that the price of coal had a big impact on the price of electricity. If the electricity industry were to buy coal at world prices instead of being a captive customer of the coal board, the price of electricity to everyone would fall significantly.

Mr Parkinson said that British Coal paid a higher price than the most marginal world price, but that cost could be offset.

If the CEBG stopped buying supplies from British Coal and went into the market for 70 million tonnes, the price would move.

British Coal had realized its future was not dependent on any agreement between industries, but on its performance.

Mr Parkinson said that the Government did not want to close down either coal or agricultural industries. British Coal had a bright future, depending on its performance and not on any understanding with the CEBG.

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Miss Pauline Barrie (left), of the Women Artists Slide Library, Miss Miriam Karlin and Miss Alice Mahon, the MP who raised in the House yesterday the question of women artists (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater).

Luce is attacked on equal rights

WOMEN

Labour MPs launched a concerted attack on the Government in favour of equal rights for women during a question time, with Mr Richard Luce, Minister of the Arts, later, as Minister for the Civil Service.

Mr Luce dismissed allegations of discrimination against women in the arts as nonsense. He later pointed to a number of women occupying senior positions in his department and said that others might follow his example, although he emphasized that people should be promoted on the basis of merit.

Conservative backbenchers jeered at the points being made by Labour, which were described as "feminist nonsense".

Mr Mark Fisher, Opposition spokesman on the arts, said that there were very real dangers and frustration among female audiences about the bias against women. The jeering response of Conservative MPs was a display of male prejudice. He urged the minister to ask the Arts Council to do some research and to consult women artists.

One example was the fact that there had never been an exhibition by a woman artist at the Hayward Gallery.

Mr Luce said that a more fruitful approach was to encourage more women to participate in the arts. Women would be included in any grounds other than merit.

He pointed out that four out of the six artists whose work had been chosen to adorn Civil Service offices were women. There had been 10 exhibitions in the past five years at the Hayward Gallery that had included work by women artists.

The issue was first raised by Miss Alice Mahon (Hillingdon, Lab), who said that in 1910 only nine women had had shows at the Tate Gallery, compared with 200 men. That was blatant discrimination.

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Social Security Bill an attack on the poor, minister is told

The Social Security Bill was an attack on the poor, the Opposition said when the Bill came up for second reading in the Commons.

Mr Robin Cook, an Opposition spokesman on health and social security, strongly attacked all aspects of the Bill, which he said was the Government's annual exercise in excluding groups of claimants from benefit.

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, said that the Bill, which stops unemployed school-leavers from obtaining social security benefits if they refuse to go on youth training scheme, and amends other social security arrangements, achieved much in only a few clauses.

Opening the debate, he said that before 1979 Britain had no national programme for training young people.

Now, every 16 and 17-year-old was guaranteed a place of quality training. The programme had helped well over a million youngsters. Financial commitment to youth training was more than £1 billion a year.

Mr Robin Cook, chief Opposition spokesman on health and social security, said that the Bill had a familiar ring to it. It provided the annual amendment to the 1986 Act, which had been hailed by the Government at the time as a major piece of social security legislation comparable to Beveridge and which would last 40 years.

There had been only two parliamentary sessions since then, but in each the Government had presented a Bill to pour mortar in the cracks that had been discovered in the original Act. The Opposition had uncovered a further crack, but would not disclose it, preferring to wait until the amending Bill next year.

The Bill ran in a well worn groove in that the Government was presenting yet another social security Bill that excluded further groups of claimants from benefit.

One result would be that 170,000 unemployed claimants would be dropped off the unemployment register.

Mr John Moore (left) and Mr Robin Cook, who clashed in the Commons yesterday on benefits for young people.

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The Bill would remove benefit from 52,000 16 and 17-year-olds because they were unemployed. The largest proportion of those, about 32,000, were those taking advantage of the 21-hour rule to study in college or part-time education to get qualifications that they would not get on YTS.

Then there were the homeless, many of whom left home because of violent or sexual harassment.

Certainly the Government had decided that those who left school leavers had been able to obtain work. Yet this was the moment the Government chose to remove benefit from them.

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The first clause, concerning the attendance allowance, would affect the smallest number of people but it was the meanest.

Having been beaten in the courts by Mrs Moran, the Government was using its majority to beat Mrs Moran in Parliament. Among the losers would be mentally handicapped children and those who suffered from epilepsy. It would be difficult to think of any more vulnerable people who needed as much help as they could get.

Six thousand people had applied for attendance allowance on the basis of the Moran judgement. In all previous cases where new legislation would remove benefits, those who had already lodged applications had been entitled to have them assessed.

That was not so in this case. Mrs Moran's own allowance had not yet been determined. Even if her case got through, what about the other 5,999?

Mr Moore intervened to say that the Government would look sympathetically at appropriate amendments to the clause to deal with cases already in the pipeline.

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employment register. The House was once again being asked to vote for a cut in the registered unemployed, not by providing employment, but by providing even more obstacles to obliging the Government to count them as unemployed.

The only good news was that the severe welfare payments would continue until at least 1989, although the minister was given a degree of discretion in the amount he could pay and to whom.

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employment register. The House was once again being asked to vote for a cut in the registered unemployed, not by providing employment, but by providing even more obstacles to obliging the Government to count them as unemployed.

The only good news was that the severe welfare payments would continue until at least 1989, although the minister was given a degree of discretion in the amount he could pay and to whom.

But the seven-day period of cold weather had to start on a Monday.

Unfortunately frost often chose to ignore the administrative convenience of starting on the first working day of the week. The Government ought to relate payments to any seven consecutive days.

The remainder of the Bill was objectionable. Since 1948 the qualifying age for social security had been 16; now the Bill proposed raising it to 18. It was an odd moment in history to choose for such a change.

Few school leavers in 1948 had not been able to go straight into a job, so if there had been a time for removing benefit from the works, it had been then. Even in the mid-1970s three out of five school leavers went straight into work.

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Overtime ban 'is mindless'

The Labour Party should ask its friends in the National Union of Mineworkers to think again about their mindless and damaging overtime ban, which was the most ridiculous aspect of British Coal's industrial relations at present, Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, said during questions in the Commons.

He was answering Mr Alex Eadie, an Opposition spokesman on energy matters, who had condemned British Coal for "the bad state of industrial relations" in the coal industry.

Mr Eadie, who is sponsored by the NUM, said that the board of British Coal had been found to be deceiving the public by claiming that its code of conduct for mineworkers was based on a formula worked out by Acas, whereas it had not.

It was bad industrial relations — and it was ridiculous — for the

miners had shown that they preferred tribunals.

There had been a big improvement in coalmining output and there was a great deal of potential for further improvements in the next couple of years, Mr Michael Spicer, Under Secretary of State for Energy, said during Commons questions.

He said that for the week ended October 10, average deep-mined revenue output a man-shift was 3.62 tonnes, an impressive increase of 50 per cent on the average of 2.43 tonnes for 1983-84.

Mr Spicer agreed that there had been considerable redundancies and feared that there would be more. But much of the productivity increase in Britain was due to the huge investment in heavy duty equipment that was now going on at the rate of £2 million every working day.

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board to say on the one hand that the NUM's industrial action was not effective, but, on the other hand, to deny NUM members their 4.8 per cent pay increase because of that action.

Mr Parkinson replied: The overtime ban is unnecessary, damaging to the interests of the miners and damaging to the industry.

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Peers fight Sunday racing

By Our Political Staff

Keep Sunday Special campaigners are planning an assault on Thursday on Lord Wyatt's Bill to allow racing and other sporting events on Sundays.

They have tabled 11 pages of amendments, which would emasculate the one-page Bill by: continuing the ban on off-course betting shops; restricting racing to seven Sundays a year; writing in statutory protection for workers, such as stable lads; and setting up a local authority licensing system so that residents, the police, and other

likely opponents can make their objections to Sunday events.

Lord Graham of Edmonton, a senior Labour peer, and Viscount Brentford, chairman of the Keep Sunday Special campaign, will lead the opposition to Lord Wyatt, chairman of the Lords, during the Bill's detailed committee stage.

If they succeed, the Bill could leave the Lords in a much more restricted form.

Lord Graham said yesterday that his main objection is that the Bill would be the thin end of the wedge, leaving the way open for a major Bill to allow all

shops to open on Sundays.

He pointed out that in Ireland, where horse racing on a Sunday is now legal, off-course betting shops cannot operate. The Jockey Club has also argued that it plans to hold fixtures on only seven Sundays a year.

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Debate is ruled out on Iranian family's plea

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) refused to allow an emergency debate on the case of an Iranian family seeking political asylum in Britain having had it denied to them in Sweden.

The family was granted a temporary stay in Britain on Saturday when one of them slashed her wrist as she boarded an aircraft bound for Sweden.

Mr Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North, Lab) said that Behvand Abdul Hosseini had been in active opposition to the Iranian regime in promoting trade unionism. Three of his colleagues had been executed. He and his family had been sent from Sweden on a flight for Iran, which had stopped at Heathrow.

Here an application for asylum had been made. They had been taken to a detention centre and allowed to remain until Saturday when they were told to report to Heathrow for an interview.

When they arrived there, the courts were not sitting and lawyers and MPs could not be contacted. They were told that their application had been rejected and that they would be returned at once to Sweden.

When they boarded the aircraft, Parvash Moosavi, Mr Behvand's wife, had slashed her wrist.

The Speaker said the matter was not appropriate for discussion.

Research ignores 'unpopular' diseases

By Sheila Gonn, Political Staff

Medical conditions that do not benefit from the support of well known charities are ignored by researchers because of lack of funds, a House of Lords select committee has been told.

Instead, research focuses on what is "solvable, interesting and popular", rather than related to the health problems of greater importance to the community.

The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals (CVCP) also told the peers investigating priorities in medical research that there may be a long time before new discoveries can help patients.

It stated: "We are seriously concerned about the inadequate funding of the dual-support [University Grants Committee and the Medical Research Council] system and we were glad to see that the select committee indicated in its report on civil research and

development that it considered both parts of the system were inadequately funded."

Between 1981 and 1985 the number of clinical academic staff paid for entirely out of university budgets fell by 12.7 per cent. The National Association of Health Authorities calculated that the loss of staff was equivalent to one complete medical school, which the CVCP considered an underestimate.

"Posts have been downgraded and chairs lost. Research has suffered as clinical academic staff understandably put their obligations to patient care and teaching first."

Lack of funds had made the universities turn to charities and foundations for help.

"The balance of university medical research is therefore, in current circumstances, of an inadequately funded dual-support system, heavily weighted

towards projects funded by the medical charities.

The well known priorities of charities whose funds derive from public subscriptions undoubtedly influence the focus of applications, as do those of the pharmaceutical industry. Medical conditions which do not have public appeal will be ignored because of a lack of funding."

The CVCP argued for more research to prevent disease with high mortality rate among those aged under 50, to improve the quality of life of old people who suffer, for example, from dementia and incontinence; and in nutrition, degenerative arterial disease and cardiac and transplant surgery. However, it did not want basic research to suffer any more as a result.

In its blueprint to improve both the quality and quantity of medical research, it called for:

• More government funds for the University Grants Committee and the research councils to attract the best young scientists into research or back from abroad;

• changes in the career structure of young, trainee doctors;

• closer collaboration between scientists;

• a better balance in medical schools between research, teaching and patient care.

The university heads also disclosed that the Medical Research Council can no longer fund all alpha-rated projects, which are regarded as essential.

"Like all research councils, it increasingly attempts to target its funding to specific priority areas which carries with it the danger of limiting too far the opportunities for the most creative insights in developing new basic research lines."

New oilfield proposals are approved

The Government had approved 10 new oilfield developments this year, and another 11 were being considered, Mr Peter Morrison, Minister of State for Energy, said during Commons questions.

The latest estimates of remaining recoverable oil reserves were between 710 million tonnes and 2,050 million tonnes, compared with between 750 million tonnes and 1,880 million tonnes a year ago.

Mr Edward Rowlands, an Opposition spokesman on energy, wanted steps to be taken to ensure the development of contracts for British-owned supply companies.

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Tory group calls for private tenders on new NHS hospitals

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

All new National Health Service hospitals should be put out to competitive tender for management and clinical services as well as construction, the Centre for Policy Studies, the Conservative think-tank, said yesterday.

New capital projects costing more than £5 million, which have to be submitted to the Department of Health and Social Security for approval, should be tested against the private sector to see whether they could be provided more cost-effectively, Mr David Willets, director of the centre, said.

Speaking at a CPS conference on competition in the health service, Mr Willets said the department should also provide model long-term contracts which district health authorities could take out with the private sector. For example, a district could award a contract with a private hospital to provide hip operations for 10 years.

When health authorities needed new facilities, they should first decide whether those could be provided by the private sector more cost-effectively.

In Wales, a private medical company built, staffed and now manages a renal dialysis unit for NHS patients. The

conference was told that while the company, Community Psychiatric Centres, delivered the service in Wales at a cost of £78 a patient, Yorkshire Regional Health Authority was spending an estimated £140 on each patient.

When the same company tried to build an acute psychiatric hospital for central Birmingham, the scheme failed due to local opposition from health authority members and unions, although the company undercut NHS costs by 30 per cent.

"The creation of new facilities for the health service does not have to be confined to the public sector", Mr Willets said. "When new developments are submitted to the DHSS and Treasury for appraisal, long-term contracts with private hospitals should be considered."

As that trend developed, private hospitals could use and create spare capacity specifically for NHS use, he added.

He also suggested setting up "social" health maintenance organizations, whereby the over-65s could be given individual grants for health care, to be spent on private, state or voluntary services.

"Payments made to an in-

dividual from the public purse, which could be spent on whatever provision they wanted, could get around the logjam which was identified by the Audit Commission", he said.

Debating the CPS report, *Healthy Competition*, published days before the Conservative Party Conference, the conference supported moves to introduce more competition to the NHS by implementing an internal market, where health authorities buy and sell services to and from each other and the private sector.

Mr Ray Robinson, deputy director of the King's Fund Institute, said that the scheme, which has the support of the Prime Minister and Mr John Moore, the Secretary of State for Social Services, should not be imposed nationally.

"I think the idea is a sound one, but it should be introduced through a series of demonstration projects. I think it should be possible to identify a particular region within the NHS which would be prepared to set up a limited internal market between its districts. We could then assess the impact on GP referrals and on the patients themselves", he said.

Young designers start on the right road



Two winners in the 1987 Schools Design Prize, organized by the Design Council and sponsored by British Aerospace, which aims to encourage the young to design products showing creative ability and potential for manufacture. Prince Edward presented prizes in the Science Museum, London. Catherine Powell (left), aged 16, of Woodbridge, Suffolk, wears the "crazy rhythm" duffle coat she designed while Simon Evans, aged 19, of Chesterfield, Derbyshire, rides his electrically assisted bicycle. (Photographs: Graham Wood)

Reformers seek more seats on Bar Council

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The group of barristers who took the Bar Council by storm when they stood for seats on an aggressive, reformist ticket two years ago are attempting to increase their representation in the elections this week.

The Campaign for the Bar already has 20 seats on the Bar Council, just over half the 39 "open" seats directly elected from the Bar and not reserved for specialists.

Thirteen of those are up for re-election and the campaign needs to retain its six if it is to hold an influential place on the council.

The candidates are: Mr Robin de Wilde, a founder member of the campaign, Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC, who is the silk representative, Mr Julian Malins, Miss Catherine Newman, Mrs Clare Tritton and, for juniors under seven years' call, Miss Marie Anderson.

The elections will also see a fierce contest for the key post of vice chairman, to succeed Mr Robert Johnson, QC, who will be next year's chairman of the Bar. Front runners are Mr Mark Potter, QC, London, and Mr Desmond Fennell, Midlands and Oxford circuit.

New standard to be published on car security

Crime prevention: 2

It is an infuriating thought that today's highly sophisticated cars can be broken into with such simple tools as a thin strip of metal, packing-case tape or a hammer and centre punch.

For years, car manufacturers ignored basic design flaws that made their models easy prey for thieves. However, a new British standard will be published in January which should help to deter the opportunist thief, if not the skilled professional.

The guidelines are the result of two years of talks between car makers and police. To

In the second article on the growing problem of car theft, *Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent, considers what action must be taken by car manufacturers to make life more difficult for thieves.*

become a legally enforced standard for new cars, they must first be adopted by the EEC and so for the moment it will be left to public pressure to determine the measures adopted by manufacturers.

Improved locks and the introduction of dead-locking are undoubtedly the most important changes. Most cars are broken into by releasing the lock using a "Slim Jim"

tool or breaking the side glass to open the door from inside. Locks will have to be more durable so that they cannot be "jiggled" using an incorrect key, even after 10 years' wear. The special sliding disc locks used now on many Ford models are virtually impossible to pick in the time-honoured fashion, yet even those high-security locks do not meet every part of the new standard.

Cars already fitted with shrouds in the door protecting the locking linkages have proved ineffective and both Ford and Austin Rover have had to improve their pioneering designs. Thieves are nothing if not ingenious and determined.

Under the new guidelines, key numbers should no longer be stamped on the lock barrels and the ignition lock will have to be made from hardened steel so that it cannot be removed using a slide hammer.

Improvements to locks will spread in the next two or three years to most new British cars

but other features will be costly and restricted to options for which owners must pay extra.

Those include dead-locking, essential to prevent the thief from opening the door from the inside once the side glass is smashed. A dead-locked door has to be opened with a key but in the foreseeable future will be a feature only of central locking systems fitted to top models. The Vauxhall Senator is currently the only car with dead-locking.

The BSI also requires radios to be locked in place so that they can no longer be lifted out in seconds. Concluded

Airline wins libel damages

Korean Airlines won "substantial" undisclosed libel damages yesterday in settlement of a High Court action over an article in *The Guardian* about the passenger plane shot down by Russian aircraft in 1983.

The company sued *Guardian* Newspapers and Mr Richard Johnson, a fellow in politics and sociology at Magdalen College, Oxford, who wrote it.

The airline said the article suggested that the company permitted its plane to be used for intelligence-gathering.



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Attack on Swapo base 'kills 150'

Johannesburg — The South African armed forces yesterday claimed to have crossed into southern Angola and killed 150 guerrillas of the South West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) in a "pre-emptive attack" on one of their bases on Saturday (Michael Hornsby writes).

A communiqué issued by the South African Defence Force in Pretoria said that nine of its own men, mostly young white conscripts and two members of the locally recruited South West Africa Territory Force were killed. This is the biggest number of casualties South Africa has admitted inflicting in a single contact with Swapo in several years. The communiqué did not say where the engagement took place, nor how the casualties were inflicted.

Swapo has been fighting since 1966 against South African forces which occupy Namibia — as South West Africa is now more commonly known — in defiance of international law, and resolutions by the UN Security Council calling for the territory's independence.

Gadafi's Rebels refusal captured

Amman — King Hussein's hopes of using the summit meeting of the League of Arab States, which opens here on Sunday, to heal divisions in the Arab world suffered a setback yesterday when the Libyan leader, Colonel Gadafi, announced that he would not attend (Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes).

Western diplomats assume that the decision was prompted by growing Arab hostility to Iran.

Demonstrations on the 70th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, which Arabs see as the foundation of the state of Israel, were fewer than expected and failed to embarrass the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, who is here for talks with King Hussein.

US fires on gunboat

Washington — A US Navy guided-missile frigate fired on an Iranian gunboat speeding towards an American cargo ship in the Gulf after its crew failed to heed warning shots, the Pentagon announced yesterday (Michael Binyon writes).

The gunboat then turned back without apparent injury to its crew. The incident happened in the southern Gulf near the Iranian-held island of Abu Musa on Sunday, the statement said. The cargo ship, Patriot, was being escorted by the frigate USS Carr towards the Strait of Hormuz after having delivered supplies to US forces in the region.

Multiple Tahiti riot charges

Papeete (AP) — Two union leaders have been charged following the dockyard riots in Tahiti last month in which a dozen people were injured and many buildings were set on fire.

M Rara Colombel, president of the Union of Polynesian Dock Workers, and M Slim Pukoki, vice president of the union, were both charged with destroying property by fire. The dock workers have been on strike since October 22, demanding an extra crew to work on the docks at Mururoa, the French nuclear test site.

Money hoarding ban

Freetown (Reuters) — Residents of Sierra Leone were barred from hoarding money and essential commodities under a state of emergency declared yesterday. President Momoh said that people would not be allowed to keep more than 150,000 leones (about £3,900) cash for more than three days, in effect ordering them to deposit their funds in banks. Sierra Leone is experiencing a severe liquidity crisis.

Asian leaders meet

Kathmandu — King Birendra of Nepal, left, who took over from the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, as leader of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation, opened the third annual summit meeting of seven south Asian leaders here yesterday (A Correspondent writes). The meeting opened amid tight security with pledges on anti-terrorism co-operation and calls for new directions in regional programmes.

Socialists fear ballot-box cost of shells sold to Iran

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

At the time the deal was struck the Government had already prohibited the sale of military material to the Iranians. The cries of outrage from the left at the timing of these latest revelations tend to confirm the view of astute political observers that this may turn out to be a particularly damaging election issue.

One particularly sensitive allegation is that Luchaire's sales to Iran also included large quantities of the powerful explosive known as C4 — the same type of explosive that was used in the bloody terrorist bombings that struck Paris in 1985 and 1986.

It is now almost two years since l'affaire Luchaire first surfaced in the press. Although there was never any question that the company had not enjoyed unusually close links with the French defence establishment, the Government promptly announced it was initiating legal proceedings for violation of the Iran arms embargo. A file was opened by the public prosecutor and the case assigned to an investigating magistrate.

Today it is leaks from the confidential Barba report that lie behind the revival of the Luchaire scandal. The magistrate originally charged with investigating the case has indicated that he intends to demand the right to examine the report in detail. The French press is already talking in terms of an Iran-Contra affair of its own.

Zhao's party toasts its confidence in the future

From Mary Dejevsky, Peking

The congress-weary press corps was yesterday invited to a "cocktail party" at the Great Hall of the People to celebrate the end of their labours.

What the invitation did not say was that all five members of the new Chinese leadership would be there, too.

Security was tighter than on any previous occasion at the Great Hall. Uniformed guards checked everyone with metal detectors, bags were painstakingly searched, cameras and tape recorders were tested to ensure that they were nothing more sinister.

At 5 o'clock sharp, in a blaze of television lights and a mass clicking of cameras, China's new leaders entered the East Reception Hall to face the press.

All wearing lounge suits — not a Mao suit in sight — they appeared cheerful and relaxed as Mr Zhao Ziyang gave a short address, reiterating that China was absolutely intent on pursuing its policies of economic reform and opening up.

The group, with Mr Zhao and his interpreter in the lead, then progressed slowly past the long, low refreshment table — they on their side, we on ours — shouting answers to shouted questions which were

interpreted into the microphone for the benefit of all.

Was his suit made in China, one reporter asked of Mr Zhao's snappy double-breasted number in dark blue. Indeed it was, Mr Zhao replied, and so was Comrade Li Peng's — and wasn't it smart? We should all go back and promote the Chinese clothing industry, he laughed.

The single correspondent from Taiwan was accorded special attention as Mr Zhao began his round. Glasses were clinked (the Standing Committee was on soft drinks only), the Chinese leader said he hoped that Taiwan could be reunited with China during his time in office.

One of a large contingent of Soviet journalists asked for comparisons between the Soviet and Chinese reform programmes.

Your optimum formula may not be the same as ours, he said. We can benefit from each other's experience, but cannot copy each other's model. To another Soviet reporter, he said: You pursue your reforms and we shall pursue ours. We are not having a reform competition.

Such confidence vis-à-vis the Soviet Union is in sharp contrast to China's earlier deference towards its "elder brother in the north" and suggests that the Chinese leadership secretly thinks it has stolen a march on the Russians so far as reform goes.



Home made: Mr Li Peng, left, shows the label sewn into his jacket to Mr Zhao Ziyang, who took delight in confirming that their Western-style suits were manufactured in China.

Mr Zhao was asked about the "route of the anti-reformists" at the elections for the Central Committee. That, he said, was a "very big question". He then took the opportunity to berate outsiders for their simplistic understanding of Chinese politics.

There are no pro-reform and anti-reform factions, he insisted. The congress had voted unanimously. Of course, he said, not all the leaders had identical views on specific issues, but that was true of any country. It was nothing remarkable.

Mr Zhao's remarks were

both supported and contradicted a little later by Mr Li. Asked about plans for political reforms, he said there had been different opinions.

Everyone had agreed on the need for party and government functions to be more distinct, but they could not agree on how to do it. The proposals in Mr Zhao's report last week, he said, had been the compromise solution.

What about Tibet, shouted one American. What about it, retorted Mr Zhao in a sharper tone than he had used before. Why did US congressmen insist that Tibet should return to the days of serfdom, he

said, because that was what their proposals amounted to.

After telling someone else that he would, of course, be consulting Mr Deng Xiaoping on important issues because no one had his experience and wisdom, Mr Zhao called to his colleagues that it was time to leave.

It was one minute to six. Mr Li shuffled from the behind to join him. Mr Qiao Shi and Mr Hu Qili followed.

They left with their entourage as promptly as they had entered, the long table with its Chinese snacks, sweetmeats and bananas still between us.

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D-Day in US gutter politics

From Christopher Thomas New York

Philadelphia voters have a stark choice today: whether to re-elect as mayor Mr Wilson Goode, who is undeniably incompetent, or to replace him with Mr Frank Rizzo, the flamboyant former police chief who left a bitter legacy of brutality and corruption as mayor in the 1970s.

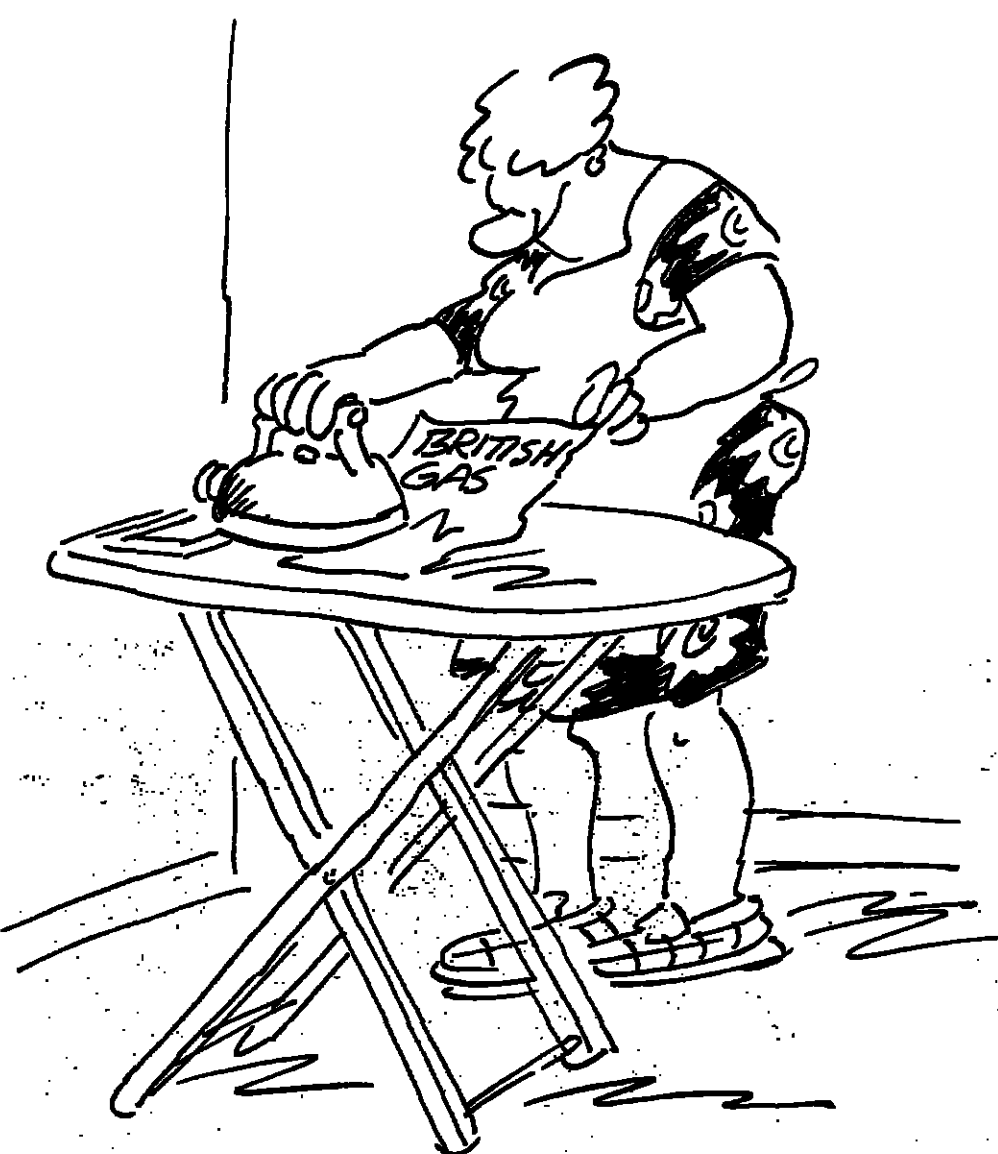
Voting for Bad Wilson and Big Frank, as they are known, will be mainly along racial lines. Mr Goode is black, Mr Rizzo is white. Issues are of little consequence.

The campaign has been a model of gutter politics. "Frank Rizzo never killed 11 people," Mr Rizzo said in a television debate, referring to the day in May, 1985, when the police dropped a bomb on a house occupied by the radical group MOVE, leaving a trail of dead and injured and destroying 81 homes.

The two-hit-a campaign low in a television debate when they traded charges of "liar", giving the impression of two scrapping schoolboys rather than candidates for one of the top political jobs in America.

Although issues have not been exactly dominant, the campaign has focused on what government the city will have as it advances through the prosperous 1980s from 1970s depression.

Polls indicate voter turnout will be extremely low because of disgust with both men, and put Mr Goode in the lead today. However, much depends on an electorate that clearly wishes it did not have to vote for either of them.



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Tightrope speech to avert conservative backlash disappoints intellectuals

Gorbachov soft-pedals his criticism of Stalin terror

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov disappointed many Soviet intellectuals yesterday with his reappraisal of Soviet history in a much-heralded speech to mark the official opening of celebrations for the 70th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution.

Having raised expectations by promising to fill in the "blank pages" of Soviet history, the Kremlin leader accused Stalin of gross political mistakes but stopped short of a complete denunciation of the dictator.

Reading the speech which he prepared during the summer, Mr Gorbachov declared that Stalin had known of crimes committed under his rule in the 1930s and announced that a new commission had been set up by the Politburo to renew the process of rehabilitating his innocent victims. This rehabilitation stopped in the 1960s.

"It is sometimes said that Stalin did not know of many instances of lawlessness. Documents at our disposal show that this is not so," the Soviet leader told an audience of nearly 6,000.

The guilt of Stalin and his immediate entourage for wholesale repression and

lawlessness was "enormous and unforgivable".

Despite the ringing condemnation in this section of the 101-page speech, Mr Gorbachov also argued that Stalin's collectivization of agriculture had been correct and described the dictator's rival, Trotsky, as a promoter of "anti-socialist ideas".

The historical section of the address was judged by diplomats as the most sensitive

Amman — Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said the speech was "a major statement ... it confirms ... Mr Gorbachov is determined to press ahead with perestroika, that he regards the search for an improvement in East-West relations as a sensible accompaniment ... we wish him well."

speech Mr Gorbachov has had to deliver since coming to power. The verdict of most Western experts was that he had skilfully fudged his overall view of Stalin to avoid a conservative backlash.

Mr Gorbachov made no attempt to quantify the extent of Stalin's terror, beyond a statement that "many thousands of people inside and outside the party were subjected to wholesale repressive measures". In the West it is estimated that those who were killed, who starved to death or who perished in labour camps ran into several millions.

To the surprise of Western diplomats watching the speech live on Soviet television, Mr Gorbachov also barely mentioned Stalin's liquidation of almost the entire Red Army command in the late 1930s. Many historians consider that this action was a crucial factor in the Soviet Union's inability to offer effective resistance to the Nazi invasion of 1941.

Much of Mr Gorbachov's most stirring rhetoric was

devoted to praising the fortitude of the Soviet people and its leadership during the war, including a controversial section in which he declared: "A factor in the achievement of victory was the tremendous political will, purposefulness and persistence, ability to organize and discipline people displayed in the war years by Josef Stalin."

The dismay of Soviet intellectuals voiced after the speech was partially caused by its failure to rehabilitate any old Bolshevik heroes, or even to mention that such veterans of the revolution as Bukharin,

Zinoviev and Kamenev had been executed under Stalin on trumped-up charges of espionage and terrorism. But his mere mention of their names was seen as a step forward.

"Perhaps we had been led to hope for too much from the speech," one member of the Moscow intelligentsia remarked. "But what it told me was that Gorbachov is still having to perform a balancing act. He did not dare go as far against Stalin as many of us had wanted."

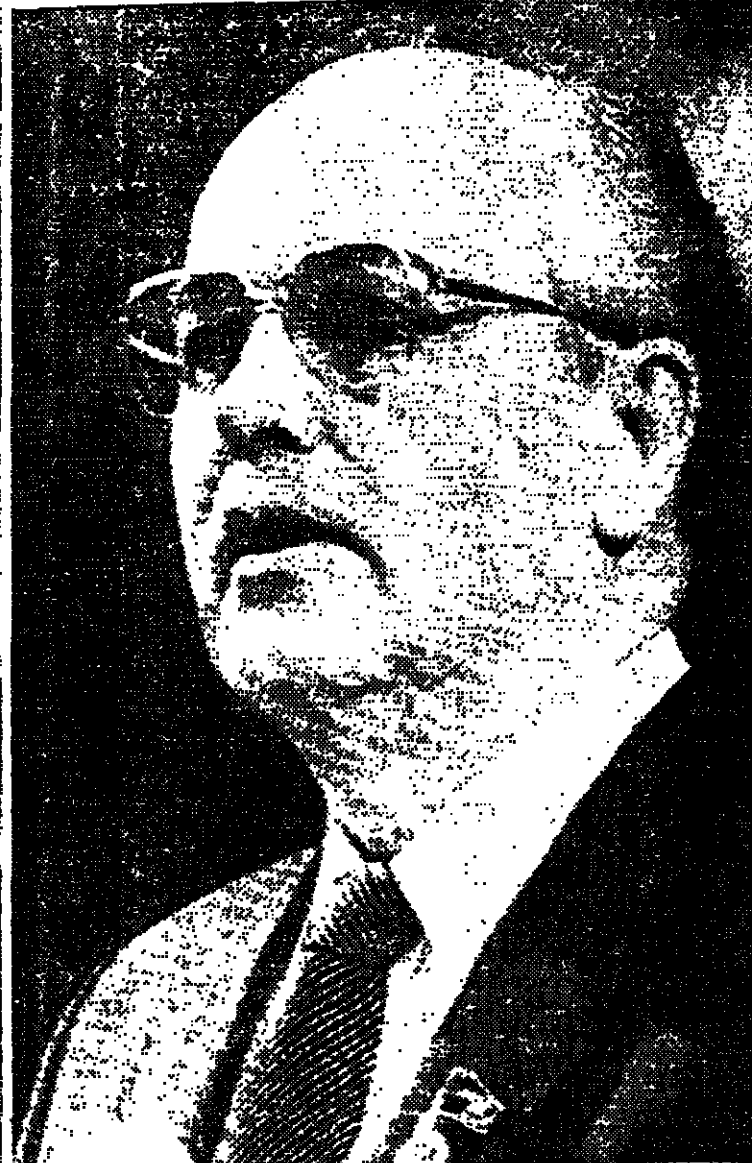
The historical role of Bukharin, Stalin's chief political opponent of the 1920s and 1930s, had been trailed in advance as the key point to watch in the speech. But as it turned out Mr Gorbachov made clear that the party had not altered its view that Bukharin — executed after a show trial in March, 1938 — was wrong to oppose Stalin's forced collectivization.

Speaking under a giant statue of Lenin, the Kremlin leader broke a little new ground by naming Nikita Khrushchev, the late leader who was expelled from official histories after being ousted in 1964, as a man who had shown courage by criticizing Stalin.

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President Ortega of Nicaragua, top left, applauding Mr Gorbachov during his speech at the Kremlin yesterday as the Polish leader, General Wojciech Jaruzelski, looks on impassively. Mr Gorbachov delivered an appraisal of 70 years of communist rule and pledged himself to work for a ban on space weapons and reductions in nuclear arms.



Looking back on the 'bitter truth'

Key excerpts from the speech delivered yesterday by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov:

Stalin and collectivization

People had begun to believe in the universal effectiveness of rigid centralization, that methods of command were the shortest and best way of resolving any and all problems ... In industry such a system of management generally produced results. However, an equally rigid centralization-and-command system was impermissible in tackling the problems of refashioning rural life ...

A conviction had arisen that all problems could be solved at a stroke, overnight. Whole regions and parts of the country began to compete: who would achieve complete collectivization more quickly. Arbitrary percentage targets were issued from above. Flagrant violations of the principles of collectivization occurred everywhere.

Nor were excesses avoided in the struggle against the kulaks. The basically correct policy of fighting the kulaks was often interpreted so broadly that it swept in a considerable part of the middle peasantry too ...

But, comrades, if we assess the significance of collectivization as a whole in consolidating socialism in the countryside, it was in the final analysis a transformation of fundamental importance ...

But the aforesaid does not give a full picture of how complex that period was ... An atmosphere of intolerance, hostility and suspicion was created in the country ... All this had a dire effect on the country's socio-political development and produced grim consequences.

Quite obviously it was the absence of a proper level of democratization in Soviet society that made possible the personality cult, the violations of legality, the wanton repressive measures of the Thirties.

I am putting things bluntly — those were real crimes stemming from an abuse of power. Many thousands of people inside and outside the party were subjected to wholesale repressive measures. Such, comrades, is the bitter truth ...

It is sometimes said that Stalin did not know of many instances of lawlessness. Documents at our disposal show that this is not so. The guilt of Stalin and his immediate entourage before the party and the people for the wholesale repressive measures and acts of lawlessness is enormous and unforgivable ...

Contrary to the assertions of our ideological opponents, the Stalin personality cult was certainly not inevitable. It was alien to the nature of socialism, represented a departure from its fundamental principles and, therefore, has no justification.

Rehabilitation of Stalin's victims

The process of restoring justice was not seen through to the end and was actually suspended in the middle of the Sixties. The Politburo of the Central Committee has set up a commission for comprehensively examining new facts and documents pertaining to these matters, and those known previously. Corresponding decisions will be taken on the basis of the commission's findings. All this will also be reflected in a

treasure on the history of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, whose preparation is to be entrusted to a special commission of the Central Committee.

The West and the Second World War

The Soviet Union made great efforts to build up a system of collective security and to avert a global slaughter. But the Soviet initiatives met with no response among the Western political leaders and politicians, who were coolly scheming how best to involve socialism in the flames of war and bring about its head-on collision with fascism ...

As I said, the Western ruling circles, in an attempt to blot out their own sins, are trying to convince people that the Nazi attack on Poland and thereby the start of World War Two was triggered by the Soviet-German non-aggression pact of August 23, 1939.

As if there had been no Munich Agreement with Hitler signed by Britain and France back in 1938 with the active connivance of the USA, no Anschluss of Austria, no crucifixion of the Spanish Republic, no Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia and Klaipeda, and no conclusion of non-aggression pacts with Germany by London and Paris in 1938 ...

Soviet Union in the postwar years

It required no small courage of the party and its leadership, headed by Nikita Khrushchev, to criticize the personality cult and its consequences and to re-establish socialist legality.

However, no small number of subjectivist errors were committed, and they handicapped socialism's advance to a new stage, moreover doing much to discredit progressive initiatives ...

At the October, 1964, plenary meeting of the party Central Committee there was a change of the leadership of the party and the country, and decisions were taken to overcome voluntaristic tendencies and distortions in domestic and foreign policies ...

The country had at its disposal extensive resources for further accelerating its development. But to utilize these resources and put them to work, cardinal new changes were needed in society and, of course, the corresponding political will. There was a shortage of the one and the other. And even much of what had been decided remained on paper, was left suspended in mid-air. The pace of our development was substantially retarded.

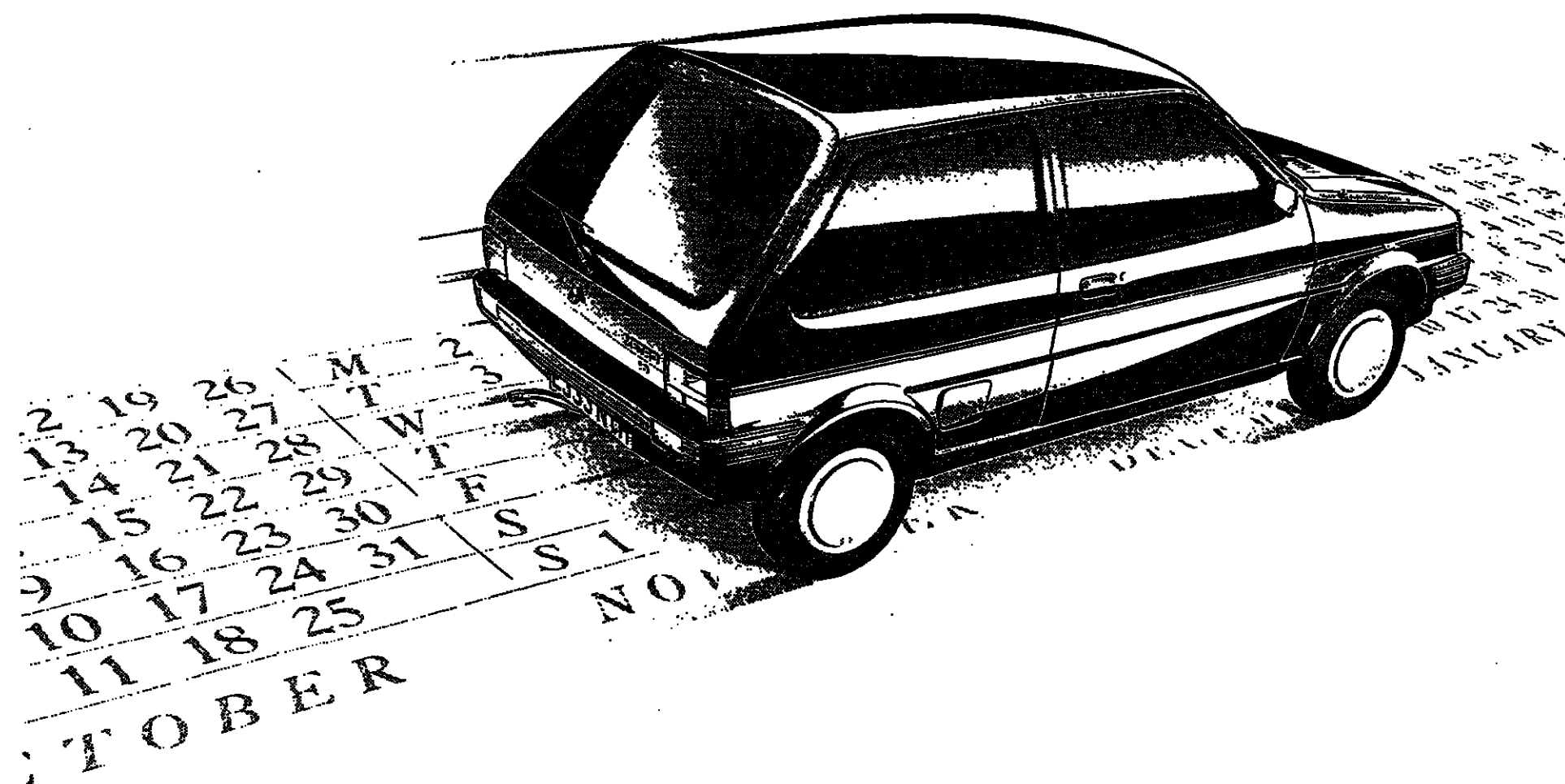
Gorbachov and perestroika

Comrades, we have been led to the conclusion about the necessity for perestroika (economic and social reform) by pressing needs brooking no delay ...

Two key problems of the development of society determine the fate of perestroika. These are the democratization of all social life and a radical economic reform ...

We should learn to spot, expose and neutralize the manoeuvres of the opponents of perestroika — those who act to impede our advance and trip us up, who gloat over our difficulties and setbacks, who try to drag us back ...

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Central America deadline

Peace hopes persist in spite of hard Ortega line

From Charles Bremner, Managua

With days to go before the Thursday deadline for all conditions of the Central American peace plan to be set into place, groups of youths spent a sunny weekend nailing posters to palm trees in Managua that declared: "The people's power is not up for discussion."

Not far away, boys were selling copies of the newly reopened opposition newspaper, *La Prensa*, that editorially abandoned hope of concessions from the Sandinista Government and exhorted God to save Nicaragua.

On the face of it, there appears little chance that the deadline will be met, and there are few signs of an imminent end to the long agony of bloodshed and economic collapse that has afflicted this Central American state.

Foreign aid for rebels must end

But although the plan that won the Nobel Peace Prize for President Arias of Costa Rica seems threatened in Nicaragua and El Salvador, diplomats and local observers have not given up hope. Some believe it still provides the best available chance for winding down the Contra war, and at least a dilution of the Sandinistas' authoritarian hold on power.

Sandinista leaders have said they will announce further measures on Thursday, the day that the Central American governments must have cease-fires operating, amnesties declared, political prisoners freed, and full freedom of the press. So far the reopening of *La Prensa* and the Catholic radio station, and the declaration of a one-sided ceasefire in certain zones with a limited amnesty, have been the only clear steps towards compliance.

The prospects have looked bleakest since the Sandinistas, who took power in 1979 after leading a popular uprising, hardened their stance last week. In a tough statement, the ruling directorate refused to talk with the US-sponsored Contra rebels, and said that it would not lift the state of emergency and introduce a broad amnesty for political prisoners.

President Ortega flew to Moscow on Saturday saying Nicaragua could not be expected to fulfil its part of the bargain until the Contras pulled out and the US stopped backing them. An end to outside aid for insurgency is a key element in the accord.

Last week in Costa Rica the foreign ministers of the five Central American countries softened the deadline, saying that it marked the date for the start of compliance. But President Arias has been publicly voicing his exasperation. The President, who feels he has staked his own credibility on the plan, said intransigence by the Sandinistas had caused the impasse and the whole process was in danger of losing its way.

"No one expects the Sandinistas to start up an American-style democracy," one European said. "But they need breathing space so badly they'll have to give ground." The government forces are now under heavy pressure from the Contras, who have some 10,000 men in the field.

The war, the American economic blockade, and mismanagement have brought the economy to its knees. Inflation is almost 2,000 per cent, raw materials and basic foodstuffs are in short supply. The oil shortage is so desperate that the Government is peeling publicly on Friday to Moscow and its allies for an additional 50,000 tonnes by the end of this year.

Sanctions may be imposed

The Sandinistas are also aware that they cannot depend indefinitely on the largesse of the East bloc, already supplying 80 per cent of its income.

Though President Reagan's officials say that Moscow wants to turn the country into a Soviet foothold on the American mainland, the Russians are widely believed to be telling the Sandinistas they must compromise and put their economy in order.

The Central American Presidents are to meet in January to review the process, and, although there are no enforcement clauses, President Arias has indicated that there could be moves towards sanctions.

Yugoslav bank fraud

Bosnian's dream became nightmare

From Richard Bassett, Sarajevo

The Bosnians, as any Yugoslav will assert, are the nation's dreamers. Living where the Orient meets the West, they know what different worlds can offer.

It was, after all, a young Bosnian whose dream of a new order sealed the fate of the old with a few well-aimed shots at a visiting archduke in 1914.

A more recent Bosnian dreamer, with only marginally less explosive results, is the disgraced Mr Filaret Abdic, who has provoked the country's most serious financial scandal since the war.

As the former head of Agrokommerc, Mr Abdic is responsible for having swindled 63 Yugoslav banks out of some \$500 million (£290 million), a sum which is about half the value of the Federal Government's annual budget.

More devastating, however, than this purely financial sleight of hand has been the degree of involvement among the country's politicians.

Already the Yugoslav Vice-President, Mr Hamdija Pozderac, has been forced to resign. More than 100 party members are under investigation and scores more have been arrested in the past few weeks.

Mr Abdic made use of other republics' funds, issuing promissory notes without collateral and, it is alleged, enlisting political support among the leaders of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina to build Agrokommerc into one of Yugoslavia's largest enterprises.

A Muslim who dreamt of a Bosnian industry which could match the wealthy concerns of the more prosperous republics of Croatia and Slovenia, Mr Abdic's career would have been, until recently, the envy of any City yuppie.

In 1967, at the age of 28, he took over the ailing Agrokommerc's executive board. Within a few years, he had quadrupled production, increased the number of people employed by a factor of 25, and raised wages to among the highest in the republic.

He was a millionaire, travel-

ling to his villa on the former Austrian Riviera near Opatija in a vehicle Bosnians still describe as "something out of the 21st century".

In Velika Kladusa, a small town in north-west Bosnia where Agrokommerc's headquarters are, he is still a revered figure. "He lived like Allah," he made Bosnia rich. With Abdic 14,000 people have work here. Before him only 20," a man observed.

But now Mr Abdic, who was charged last month with "threatening the social order in a counter-revolutionary manner", is under house arrest. Scores of other Bosnians have also been detained and the other republics in Yugoslavia have enthusiastically greeted what their press dubs as the "smashing of the Bosnian mafia".

The reverberations of the scandal, however, go further than the republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Even Yugoslavia's Prime Minister, Mr Branko Mikulic, has been implicated by some Belgrade newspapers' reports.

Irrespective of which politicians are involved, the affair highlights on a spectacular scale the lax criteria of financial controls which govern the Yugoslav economic system.

With inflation officially reported to be touching 140 per cent (but probably nearer 200 per cent), and with almost every Yugoslav family living on some form of credit, IOUs which can never be honoured have become a way of life in the country.

In Bosnia, however, Mr Abdic's name is still unblackened. He was only doing, it is said, what all the other republics do, but "on a grander scale, a Bosnian scale".

Perhaps, like the Archduke Franz Ferdinand's assassin, whose collar stud and revolver are lovingly preserved in Sarajevo, there will be a museum one day to the memory of Filaret Abdic, who dreamt of milking a system and living like a god.

Royal visit affords relief to scandal-weary Germans

From Alan Hamilton
Bonn

As fond as any other nation of a thoroughgoing political scandal, the Germans welcomed the arrival of the Prince and Princess of Wales in Bonn yesterday as light and welcome relief from their media's obsession with the lugubrious "Borschelt-Pfeiffer affair".

German press and television have been conducting a relentless inquest into how Dr Uwe Borschelt, the Christian Democrat candidate for Prime Minister of Schleswig-Holstein, came to hire a certain Herr Reiner Pfeiffer to conduct a smear campaign against his Social Democrat opponent and was then found dead.

After three weeks of muck-raking, the media has seized on the Prince and Princess as a breath of fresh air.

An editorial in West Germany's largest-selling newspaper, *Bild*, yesterday described the visit as "a positive event in a world of Khomeinis, bear markets and political scandals". It went on to explain that the Princess was charming and casual, the Prince a gentleman and an example to lots of men, and added: "We Germans are convinced republicans, but for many of us Diana and Charles personify a lost dream."

The Bonn daily, *General-Anzeiger*, commented: "Perhaps some older Germans might feel something like envy because we no longer have such a monarchy which is far removed from partisan quarrels."



The Princess of Wales casting a cheerful glance at her husband as the royal couple posed for photographs at the presidential palace in Bonn yesterday.

The paper noted the Prince's German ancestry, and said "he does not think much of Thatcher's strict regime and her tough policy of economy measures".

After arriving in Bonn from West Berlin, the Prince and Princess had lunch with President von Weizsäcker and his wife at their official residence - a 19th century mansion in leafy grounds that is a White House-on-Rhine, with barges puttering by at the bottom of the garden. Bonn is one of the less frenetic.

The royal couple appeared with their hosts on the steps of the residence for a photograph, and reappeared for an encore shortly afterwards on a high balcony, having been persuaded that there is now an insatiable media appetite for shots of them together after the Prince's lengthy summer sojourn at Balmoral.

At the Bonn town hall, where the Prince delivered a four-minute speech in German and provoked two bursts of laughter from the guests, the mayor presented the couple with a collection of 20 Beethoven and Schumann records.

In the afternoon the Prince and Princess took tea with Chancellor Kohl in his official residence. While any political discussion was not recorded, elsewhere the principal topic of conversation was the Princess's black above-the-knee skirt under a bright red jacket and hat.

Earlier this year the Prince paid a private visit to the opera at Bayreuth, and both have previously visited the

Federal Republic to meet British troops stationed there.

But this week's programme is the first official visit since that of the Queen in 1978, and follows an invitation issued by President von Weizsäcker during a state visit to London last year.

Although the visit is providing Germans with some badly needed glamour and entertainment after the Schleswig-Holstein scandal, its underlying purpose is, as usual, trade: the royal couple

will visit a British trade fair and fashion show. Britain's balance of trade with West Germany has worsened in the last year, chiefly as a result of currency movements and the world oil price.

In the first half of this year, bilateral trade was DM 8 billion (£2.7 billion) in Germany's favour, compared with DM 6 billion in the same period last year. British exports to Germany dropped by 10 per cent in the same period, while trade in the other direction dropped by 3 per cent.

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M'Bow diehards in rearguard fight for Unesco throne

By Rosemary Righter

The future over the election of Unesco's next director-general, on which the future of the organization depends, is far from over as its 158-member government prepares to vote next Saturday in Paris.

Señor Federico Mayor, the Spanish biochemist, nominated to succeed the controversial Mr Amadou Mahtar M'Bow by Unesco's executive board last month after an acrimonious 13-day series of votes, is fighting a backlash by Mr M'Bow's supporters which could overturn the nomination.

By custom, the vote to confirm the board's choice by the full membership is a formality; but diplomats at Unesco's general conference believe it will turn into an ugly dispute reopening the political and ideological rifts which have been Mr M'Bow's principal legacy to the organization he has run for 13 years.

A group of francophile Africans, smarting from the "humiliation" of Mr M'Bow's enforced withdrawal, was last week preparing a legal challenge to the board's decision taken under a suspension of

the normal rules of procedure. Mr M'Bow himself, by accusing "certain governments" of "perverting the democratic processes", inspired the move.

Even if the challenge fails, it would ensure an extensive filibuster, allowing Third World resentments at the choice of a European to emerge. Four of Unesco's six directors-general have been Europeans and the Africans are attempting to muster the support of the Asians — whose "turn" for the job it was, under the UN custom of geographical rotation — against Señor Mayor, who could be presented as unable to heal Unesco's wounds.

Nobody expects Mr M'Bow to achieve a last-minute comeback, but his hostility to the man who defeated him for the nomination is such that his close aides are vigorously promoting an "anyone but Mayor" campaign.

Western governments have so far publicly resisted suggestions that a "compromise" alternative to Señor Mayor should be sought, although the French, who voted for Mr

M'Bow last month, are thought to favour Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan. The Latin Americans might be persuaded to drop Señor Mayor in favour of Uruguay's Foreign Minister, Señor Enrique Iglesias.

Neither of these is formally in the running, but both would be favourites if Señor Mayor were defeated. Saezbadza Yaqub Khan, Mr M'Bow's main challenger before being overtaken by Señor Mayor, resigned as Foreign Minister on Sunday — a move which would reduce opposition, should he re-enter the race, from Scandinavian and Latin American governments.

Under Unesco's rules the executive board has only 48 hours to come up with another candidate if Señor Mayor is defeated, so there is even the outside chance of a deadlock leaving Mr M'Bow's French deputy, M Michel de Bonne-corse, running Unesco in "acting" capacity until the 1989 general conference or even — as Mr M'Bow's most headline supporters hope — lead to a two-year extension of Mr M'Bow's term.

Weathering tempest of Tamil Tiger violence



Sinhalese women and children queuing for food yesterday at the Dambulla refugee camp as the first monsoon rains came.

Boat people rescued from rock

By Nicholas Beeston

A British merchant vessel yesterday plucked 17 Vietnamese boat people, seven of them children, from a rock in the Gulf of Thailand, where they had been marooned without food for several days after their ship's engine failed.

The refugees are expected to arrive in the Thai port of Songkhla today after the British Embassy in Bangkok ac-

cepted responsibility for them.

According to the captain of the SS Restless M, Mr Michael Hatcher, two of the refugees are in urgent need of medical attention and are suffering from exposure, exhaustion and lack of food.

Speaking to the BBC on ship-to-shore radio, the captain said he spotted "a person waving a white flag" at his ship and on closer inspection

discovered the tiny rock "littered with all these people".

In addition to their poor physical state, he said the Vietnamese had severely lacerated feet from the barnacles which covered the rock.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the immediate welfare of the boat people would be handled by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Divided Sri Lanka

Recipe for turmoil in Sinhalese south

From Michael Hamlyn, Tangalle, Sri Lanka

To travel in the far south of Sri Lanka is to get an eerie echo of what the far north was like only four short years ago.

Today the north is a battlefield, but in 1983 the Sri Lankan Army patrolled the streets, barbed-wire guarded police stations, posters and slogans defaced walls and guerrillas took pot shots at security forces. Politicians antagonistic to the guerrilla cause were assassinated.

Today in the south 38 members of the United National Party, the ruling party of President J.R. Jayewardene, have been killed since the Indo-Sri Lankan peace accord was signed in July.

Slogans such as "JR is a monkey" and "end the accord" are painted on roads, bridges and walls. Army units patrol in the steel-plated Buffal armoured cars developed from a South African model to provide landmine protection in the north. Platoons of soldiers man temporary posts on street corners.

Threatening letters are dispatched to public servants or wealthy traders — "donate one lakh of rupees... or else!" "I put them straight in the wastepaper basket," declared one brave soul.

But the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP), meaning People's Freedom Front, has got the entire government structure in a turmoil, such is the effect its campaign of violence is having.

The President devoted a good deal of his press conference on Friday to discussing the threat posed by the JVP and its allies. And when he spoke to me privately a week ago he was even more anxious about it, encouraging the police to take the law into their own hands to deal with members who might be freed by the courts.

Here in Tangalle, as far south as you can get without floating away into the great empty space between here and Antarctica, the residents are more philosophical about the threat than they are in the capital.

"They want to demolish the Government, but they will fail," said Mr M.D. Weerasinghe, the local MP. Unusually these days, Mr Weerasinghe still lives in the south — many other MPs are afraid to do so.

But he has probably more cause for fear than the others: his father, Jinadasa Weerasinghe, was killed by a JVP gang at the end of July, and the 29-year-old appointed to his seat. "Some people are afraid because they can't live safely," he admits. "What is not a real problem. We all have bodyguards, five persons with repeaters."

Mr Daya Herath, the government agent down the road in Hambantota, has done away with his bodyguards, though, to set a fearless example to his men.

"To me it has never been a

problem," he said. There are no guards on his gates, no passes are checked, no cars are inspected. "I stopped all that," he explained. "When you do all this you scare the public. When the big man does this, they see the Government has got panicky."

Now, perhaps under pressure from the Government to eradicate the JVP, the police are beginning to use heavy-handed tactics of their own. When a known JVP goes missing the police will arrest his wife, or his aged parents, a sort of hostage-taking that is becoming much resented.

"That's wrong, I think," says Mr Weerasinghe, the new MP. "If you want to catch the man, don't take his family: it's not legal."

Guerrilla movements thrive on injustice, and the JVP probably be no exception. Opposition to the Indo-Sri Lankan accord, which gave away too much to the Tamils,

Colombo — The Sri Lankan naval rating charged with the attempted murder of Mr Rajiv Gandhi has been refused permission to summon the Indian Prime Minister to give evidence for his defence (A Correspondent writes).

Vijayamuni Rohana de Silva, who attacked Mr Gandhi when he was inspecting a guard of honour after signing the Indo-Sri Lankan peace accord, was also refused permission to summon Sri Lanka's Prime Minister, Mr Ranasinghe Premadasa.

and damaged Sri Lanka's own sovereignty in the eyes of the Sinhala chauvinists, is already improving recruitment to JVP ranks.

The movement itself is — like the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in the north — essentially a vehicle for the ambitions of one man. In this case a young left-wing agitator, Mr Rohana Wijeweera, who led an armed insurrection in 1971. He is now 43 years old, not so young and not so left.

The JVP these days regards the Buddhist clergy and patriotic groups within the armed forces as likely wells of support from which to draw. Neither of these groups has been noticeably left-wing, rather the reverse.

President Jayewardene said that he would remove the proscription against the JVP — "I've done it before" — if only Mr Wijeweera would give up violence and apply himself to trying to persuade the Sinhalese to give him democratic support. "I am prepared to give him an unconditional pardon," he said, which is a sizeable step for a man who has had 38 of his party men killed, including ministers.

But Mr Jayewardene also said that it was possible to live with terrorism. "The British have for almost 100 years," he said, "and the Irish. The Indians, too."

Filipino gunmen seize arms near US base

Manila (Reuters) — Unidentified gunmen attacked security guards yesterday near the US Clark air base in the Philippines where three Americans were shot and killed last week.

Police said the gunmen, suspected members of the communist New People's Army (NPA), seized weapons from private security guards policing an area where several American personnel live, about half a mile from the US base. The incident heightened tension inside the base itself.

The American Embassy in Manila, which has advised Americans to keep a low profile, had no comment on the latest incident, in which no Americans were involved.

A Philippines police spokesman, Captain Nardo Ramos, said security forces chased the gunmen, spraying possible hiding places with gunfire, but failed to find them.

Clark air base and the adjacent Angeles city, north of Manila, have been heavily patrolled by Filipino and American troops since last Wednesday, when two US airmen on active service were shot and killed, along with a retired airman and a Filipino. A third American was shot at but escaped unhurt.

US military authorities have clamped a curfew on the base and banned non-essential travel outside the camp.

Police blamed the NPA for the Clark attacks and others in Manila in which 10 Filipinos died, mainly police and soldiers. No group has yet claimed responsibility for the attacks around the base, home for about 96,000 Americans, including dependants. Clark and the nearby Subic Bay naval base, are the two largest American military installations outside US territory.

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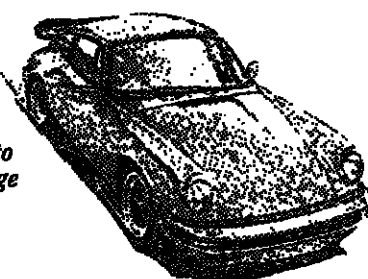
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SPECTRUM

The past could be Britain's growth industry for the 21st century. Peter Davenport found jobs galore in the heritage business

A fine future behind us?

From the outside, the low, red-brick building looks as uninspiring as its original use, a warehouse for refrigerators and freezers. Enter Unit Four off Walmgate in York, however, and you step into the Heritage Projects workshop, a virtual time laboratory, a magical world where the past is re-created before your eyes.

Here people long dead are brought "back to life" with uncanny realism. The sights, sounds and smells of their times are re-created with painstaking accuracy: the pockmarked face of a drunken reveller from Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, earnest luminaries from Oxford University, the family of a poor 16th-century Edinburgh housewife, the stench of an open Viking latrine. All are researched, designed and created in York.

The workshop is the centre of the new, fast-growing industry of re-creating the past. So successful has the 100-strong workforce become that the workshop has orders worth £50 million on its books.

"What we have created here," says John Sunderland, creative director of Heritage Projects, "is a new medium for the 21st century. The possibilities are limitless: entire environments can be brought alive."

The company was born out of the remarkable success of the Jorvik Viking Centre, York's unconventional underground museum. Developed at a cost of £2.6 million, it annually attracts

about 900,000 visitors and pours £16 million into the local economy.

When curators and directors of other museums saw what was happening, they were eager to acquire the expertise. Heritage Projects decided to exploit the market and so perfected its skills that it has attracted inquiries from around the world, including a kibbutz in Israel and a Canadian museum of Indian archaeology.

Its three newest ventures are British-based. Two will open in

Over in the corner of the workshop a beery, blowzy Wife of Bath sits astride a sagging horse. The realism of the figures is uncanny

March next year. They are the £2.2 million Oxford Story project, tracing the history of the university through the ages, and the Pilgrim's Way in Canterbury, where Chaucer's band of travellers will be brought to life, wars and all, in a programme costing £1.35 million. The third venture, the £2.3 million Edinburgh Story, will, through the eyes and experiences of a skinner's wife, Margaret Lock, provide a glimpse of life in the city in the 1590s. Housed in the

Highland Tolbooth Kirk at the head of the Royal Mile, just a few yards from the castle, it is due to open in 1989.

Sunderland calls such projects "pop-up books on a human scale", but that is to belittle the painstaking research and attention to detail that characterizes the work of his team. The secret of turning museums — it is a word which barely describes the experience — into places children will willingly queue for hours to get in to lies in the presentation. A rich mix of talent has been brought together: actors, sculptors, a designer from Madame Tussaud's, a senior props man from the Royal Shakespeare Company, electrical engineers, taxidermists, craftsmen in wood and metal, and designers who can re-create the exact clothing of centuries ago and even order up the right mix of smells that would have coloured the air.

Inside the York workshop, the floor is littered with tools, equipment, half-finished models, partly-built cottages, Chaucerian stables. Robin Burch, 29, a former actor, is a senior technician with the company. He is building a wattle and daub wall that will surround a gently steaming dung heap in a tumble-down stable that is to be one of the sets for the *Canterbury Tales* exhibit.

"I prefer," he says, "splitting another length of willow, to re-create things using modern, substitute materials, such as making old beams from papier mâché and dye, or seemingly solid stone walls



Don't forget the smallpox scars: sculptor Peter Donohoe puts the finishing touches to a drunken medieval reveller

from polystyrene. But sometimes there is no modern alternative material; then you have to use the real thing and study the old techniques that would have been used at the time."

Peter Donohoe was with the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratford-upon-Avon for 15 years, ending up as deputy props manager, before joining the company in February. He is putting the finishing touches to the twisted features of a drunken reveller from Chaucer's tales, a face that comes wickedly alive when the false eyes

are popped into the head. Over in the corner, a beery, blowzy Wife of Bath sits astride a sagging horse.

"I wanted to do more sculpture work, and that's what attracted me here," he says. "The main thing is to get the characterization exactly right, and that means reflecting the deformities and the diseases that would have been around at the time. They had poor dentistry, so the teeth were in bad condition and the skin was probably pockmarked by smallpox. We try to reflect all that accurately."

Nena Parkes, 40, the production

manager, worked with the National Theatre and the RSC before helping in the development of the Jorvik Centre and assembling her present workforce in York. "When we started I suppose the idea was more of a theatrical impression of history," she says, "but now there is much greater emphasis on ensuring every possible accuracy, and that will only get stronger. It takes time and effort, but the results are there to see."

The skilled hands of members of the team in the workshop are backed up by designers who work

from the most detailed historical research and archaeological records. A planned £6 million dinosaur world housed in a 33,000 sq ft dome in Sheffield, for example, will feature a prehistoric landscape based on advice from the former head of the palaeontology department of the Natural History Museum.

After all, a rampaging *Tyrannosaurus rex* would hardly look right with its feet trampling the type of grass grown in the local park. To the time travellers of Heritage Projects, that would never do.

Hisses of hate in the land of death

In Quechua, Peru's native language, Ayacucho means "corner of the dead". Here in the bone-dry mountains, where each man's annual income is around \$70 (about £40), the populace engaged in bloody combat with the Incas.

In 1824, helped by the Hussars of General William Miller, a native of Kent, they put paid to the Spanish in a battle that liberated the whole of South America from colonial rule. Now, in an extraordinary display of collective hysteria, they are reacting against any and every outsider.

The bitterness of Ayacucho is tangible as soon as you enter the sloping colonial square. Eyes glide off you. Women giggle after they pass, releasing what sounds like an expletive. Sometimes they speak louder, in a hiss. After a while you realize it is the same word they are mouthing. *Pistaco*.

A *pistaco* is a tall, white foreigner. He sleeps by day, drinks lots of milk and carries a long white knife under his coat. With this knife he cuts up Indians, lopping off heads and limbs and keeping their trunks for the human grease with which he oils his machines. Europe's industrial revolution was lubricated by the fat made from helpless Ayacuchoans. So were the Korean and Vietnam wars. The only reason Challenger blew up was that it lacked this *aceite humana*.

What frightens most is the fact that the whole town believes it. I climb on to a truck heading for the market town of Huanta. "Let the *pistaco* walk," says one of the eight Indians under her breath. I stand and talk to Aurelia, a plump woman with gold teeth and a pony tail. She points at the ink spots on my jacket where a pen has run. "Indian blood," she says, and then opens the jacket to look for a knife.

Why the Indians in the mountains of Peru are after the white man's blood



A man in a Coca Cola cap perching on the driver's cabin tells me with a grim expression that *pistacos* have recently hacked the limbs off 30,000 people. Had he any evidence?

Oh no, but he'd seen it in the newspapers. The *pistacos* were government mercenaries employed by President Garcia to pay off his \$15 billion debt. The blood he sold to the blood banks, the oil to Western industry. The man thought Garcia's *pistacos* were Argentinians.

No, said a taxi driver later. They were definitely Swiss. He was driving me to the cemetery where the last white man to visit Ayacucho had been interred. On September 10, Luis Angel Huaranga Calderon was returning from a brothel in Avenida Cuzco when he was set upon by a crowd looking for *pistacos*. Calderon, a commercial traveller from the town of Huancayo, had studied at the Superior Institute of Education in Lima. But nothing he said could persuade his captors that he was anything other than a *pistaco*.

He had a knife in his pocket, a studded leather bracelet on his arm — obviously for protection — and a plane ticket in his briefcase made out in another person's name. His head was duly crushed by stones (you cannot shoot a *pistaco*), his eyes pulled out and his body dragged through the district of La Victoria until the bones showed.

"I saw the torchlight that night," says Juan Granda, a professor at Ayacucho University, nodding at the hill opposite. "But I hear the people searching every night with whistles, lanterns, and pan lids. They are worried the *pistacos* are robbing their children." Professor Granda says that the myth is a recurrent one, in operation since the Spanish conquest.

"It's a myth explaining the domination. Now it's a social movement against everything. It's not organized. It's a spontaneous phenomenon. A community under threat turning against strangers. There are even professors at the university convinced that *pistacos* exist."

It is easy to understand why the people of Ayacucho are fed up. For centuries they have been ignored by the Spanish-speaking *Limenos*, who refer to this part of the country as "the Indian blot". Life expectancy is just 45 years. Conditions are not much above subsistence level. For the last seven years, Ayacucho has been the battleground between the armed forces and the Maoist guerrilla movement, *Sendero Luminoso*. The conflict has claimed 9,000 lives.

Ayacucho residents are sickened by both the military and *Sendero*. They are also wary of President Garcia's intention to lift the state of emergency which would mean another influx of outsiders.

Not surprisingly, the local press has been quick to reflect the heartbeat of the city. "Ayacucho lives in terror", runs a frequent headline. So too does any stranger to the place on hearing the clash of pan lids.

Perhaps Luis Calderon's blood will be enough to assuage this mass terror, but for the moment gringos are not advised either to try the night life — or ask for milk shakes.

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MAO'S HEIRS...

Over the past ten days, China's reconditioned publicity machine has provided a tantalizing glimpse of one fifth of the world in transition. The fading of the men who fought their way to power four decades ago has coincided with the advance of modern communications and the penetration of Western economic wealth to bring China to the threshold of a new age.

Before the 13th Party Congress, the will of the Chinese leadership to cross that threshold was in doubt. Now, the doubt must be less China's will — that has been unequivocally stated — than its ability to accomplish the task it has set itself.

The retirement of the elderly revolutionaries is a step in the right direction. It is rare for senior officials in a one-party state to relinquish any of their vast power voluntarily, and a development to be encouraged. The significance of the retirement of Deng Xiaoping and his old comrades in arms can, however, be exaggerated. So far it is a symbol rather than a fact.

Deng has retained his chairmanship of the party's Military Commission which leaves him China's de facto leader. He has long held no formal position in the Chinese leadership beyond his membership of the leading bodies. Yet he has been the ultimate arbiter in policy as in personnel matters. He is likely to exercise that authority so long as he is able.

The retirement of his colleagues has been similarly incomplete. They have all transferred to the Central Advisory Commission, a body of elder statesmen whose size and possibly influence will have been boosted by its new members. While the Commission has played little part hitherto in determining policy, it could none the less stall measures it disliked.

The chief merit of the changes formalized at the Congress is that they have established a framework which should prevent an unseemly struggle for power after Deng's death. The clearer lines of authority should also make policy more consistent. They do little, however, to solve the chief problem — for China as for any undemocratic state — of transferring power in future.

Nor is there any guarantee that without the eminence of Deng Xiaoping behind him, the new General Secretary, Zhao Ziyang, will necessarily be unchallenged, particularly in the event of economic failure or civil unrest. Constitutional amendments have gone some way to strengthen the top leadership in relation to other party bodies. But that awaits proof in practice.

Zhao Ziyang's recommendations for the restructuring of the party cadre system at the beginning of the Congress offer a similar test. If they are enacted, China may in the future have a professional civil service and party officials elected for limited terms of office. If they are not, however, China is unlikely to become, as its leaders have pledged, a constitutional state in which all are equal before the law. Recent

years have offered too much evidence of Chinese enjoying their absolute power over other Chinese for anyone to be confident about the prospects.

Certainly, Zhao's policy speech made the present advance towards a more market-orientated economy seem more secure. Even if the theoretical justification for it — Chinese existence in the primary stage of socialism — raises more questions than it answers. Nor should the importance of a formal congress document be underestimated. Even though many clauses only endorsed current practice the specific sanction given to controversial issues like private enterprise, share-ownership and leasing, will help to establish them as norms. In future it should be harder for local officials to hamper the ambitious risk-taker who abided by the law.

The leadership's nod in the direction of greater civil and human rights is also welcome, less because of the limited legal measures that are promised than because China has unusually acknowledged before the world that its record could bear improvement. The appreciation that individuals have rights in a society that has traditionally favoured the collective, is perhaps an encouraging product of China's opening to the world. It needs to be extended.

In its latest period of opening, China has been notorious for taking just as much from the West as will benefit its economic development while shutting the door firmly against the diversity of ideas that provide the conditions for innovation. If the Chinese leadership is no longer completely deaf to Western complaints about human rights abuses perhaps it will also open an ear to the complaints from its trading partners about corruption, lack of candour and attempts by China to gain a one-way advantage by keeping its domestic market closed.

During the congress, Deng Xiaoping, the shrewd peasant from Sichuan who bounced back from adversity innumerable times, was elevated into a paradigm for future leaders of China. His role as Mao Tse-tung's right-hand man in the disastrous "great leap forward" was forgotten, as were his ruthless power brokerage (which brought the removal of Hu Yaobang as general secretary this year), and the blind eye he turned, when it suited him, to the persecution of intellectuals and dissidents.

Deng is now exclusively the architect and pioneer of China's reforms, the wise leader who knew what was right for China and proceeded accordingly. So long as his successors do not forsake his teaching, it is implied, they are the right leaders and secure. But the most important tests still lie ahead. Will Deng's image and the authority which it has conferred on his successors survive once he passes on? If it does, will the new leadership recognize the need to prepare for its own succession in time?

...AND STALIN'S

China's Communist Party "liberalizes" or "reforms". Meanwhile, the world's attention is also caught by the power whose leaders are old hands at "liberalizing" or "reforming", or rather at promising both. The first thing to keep in mind about Mr Gorbachev's speech yesterday is that its author is in a tradition of "liberalizing" Soviet leaders.

Most people remember that something similar happened in the Soviet Union under Khrushchev in the second half of the 1950s. By the autumn of 1964, Khrushchev — who had aroused great hopes in the West — was overthrown. Less well remembered is that it also happened under Lenin in the first half of the 1920s. The New Economic Policy (NEP), proclaimed in 1922, was a partial restoration of private enterprise. It went further than — so far — *perestroika* and *glasnost* put together. It lasted about six years.

By adopting the NEP, an earlier Soviet leadership thought it safe enough to encourage limited private enterprise just five years after the revolution, and at a time when official propaganda still depicted the Soviet Union as being under threat from the capitalist powers — the previous justification for "war communism". Now, 65 years later, the Soviet Union is one of the two most powerful states in the world. It has the world's largest army. It occupies half Europe. Yet it is still unclear whether its leader would be able to introduce private enterprise, and the liberalism which historically has always accompanied private enterprise in Western societies. It is even unclear whether he really wants to. Mr Gorbachev's speech yesterday should therefore be received by the West with extreme caution.

There is nothing cynical about saying that. It is Mr Gorbachev who, by convincing the West that he is a liberal, and luring it into arms agreements favourable to the Soviet Union,

may prove to be the cynic. Yesterday he delivered a vast oration touching on some of the most disputed events of the 20th century. It will have to be carefully studied for the mass of codes, signals and nuances embedded in it. At this stage, anything said about it should be tentative.

Mr Gorbachev is widely depicted as the Soviet leader who most resembles a Western politician. In yesterday's speech he did show some similarities with that breed. There must be more freedom in the economy, he said, as a rebuke to those old Stalinists — or at least Brezhnev appointees — who are absurdly described in the West as "conservatives", as if they were followers of Edmund Burke. But he also warned against those in the party who want to go too far too quickly — presumably a reference to those whom he regards as the more headstrong among his fellow "liberals". From all this, it might be inferred that he is just like the average skilful Western politician — a Macmillan, a Wilson, a Nixon, a Mitterrand — a devotee of the Middle Way, or one who tells his party what it wants to hear while doing the opposite. But if that is true, then — as with those famously adroit Westerners — we do not know what he intends to do until he does it.

Mr Gorbachev did behave like a Western politician in one respect yesterday when dealing with the problem of what the attitude of the Soviet Union should now be towards Stalin. Like any Western politician who does not want to take responsibility for something controversial, he set up a committee. In fact two committees will look into aspects of the problem. Khrushchev did not require even one. This raises the question: what kind of Soviet Union is it in which committees are still required to determine the merits and demerits of one of the great mass-murderers of history? Perhaps a Soviet Union with whose present leader the West should deal very cautiously.

Modest disclaimer

From Mr Uri Geller
Sir, In your review of the TV programme, "Is There Anybody There?", on October 31 you quote me as saying, "My belief in gold is very important to me..."

What I said was my belief in God was very important, etc. Up to a point I am a business-man, but my family's well-being, my spiritual and my religious beliefs dwarf any materialistic desires I might have.

Yours sincerely,
URI GELLER,
Sunning Court,
Thames Street,
Sunning, Berkshire,
October 31.

Court sentencing

From Mr C. H. Moiser
Sir, At long last the Government seem to be taking on board the point that their task, on behalf of the community, is to attempt to

reduce crime, which in itself might well not be synonymous with reducing imprisonment.

The probation service, (letters, October 22) always talks about successful remedial sentencing within the community, but the facts are quite different. Sentencing within the community, which has been with us for a decade or more, in its present form, has seen a 100 per cent crime rise in about eight years. Seventy per cent of crimes committed do not end with the offender being found even.

The Home Office Statistical Bulletin (November, 1986) reveals that overall 41 per cent of those on probation were reconvicted within two years of sentence and over 56 per cent were reconvicted within five years. Over 51 per cent made the subject of community service orders were reconvicted of further offences within two years.

In 1985, 40,880 offenders were placed on probation and 27,230 were made the subject of commu-

nity service orders. Forty-one per cent of the former and 51 per cent of the latter on community service were reconvicted of further offences during the periods of those orders. If that is success, I shudder to think what failure would be.

Of the "successful" percentage, it is highly likely half of them would not have re-offended anyway, whatever court order had been made, so why not choose cheaper (fine?) alternatives? The real problem is how to sentence after a failed community-based sentence: more community sentencing?

Suspended sentences, probation and community service orders are not, nor are they seen by the public to be, punitive in the slightest degree, but "a let-off".

Yours faithfully,
C. H. MOISER
(Magistrates' Clerk),
Plymouth Magistrates' Court,
St Andrew Street,
Plymouth, Devon,
October 22.

Making good gale damage

From the President of the Garden History Society

Sir, Through the initiative of English Heritage in compiling a register of historic parks and gardens, a valuable tool is now available for identifying those of greatest importance.

As grant aid from English Heritage will of necessity be for historical restoration, it is essential for landowners to record what has been lost before it is cleared away.

In cases where it has been established that a park was designed by Evelyn, Bridgman, Kent, Brown or Repton, it may now be possible to identify the actual location of the trees planted by them, as distinct from more recent plantings, thus giving a truer picture of their designed landscapes.

We would therefore encourage owners of damaged historic parks to indicate the location and species of the fallen tree on a map, which will show whether it is in woodland or open park, and if possible:

1. Measure its height and girth at 1.5 metres from what used to be ground level.
2. Slice a 2in slab as low as possible, label it and store it so that, when time permits, the tree may be dated from its rings — easily done by an amateur.

Yours faithfully,
MAVIS BATEY, President,
The Garden History Society,
PO Box 27,
Haslemere, Surrey,
October 22.

From Mr Tom O'Connor
Sir, A tangible benefit to the Exchequer is going to be the amount of VAT charged on repairs which are the subject of insurance claims. Add the tax bonus resulting from the run on DIY shops etc and the Chancellor should be getting in quite a few extra millions.

Yours faithfully,
TOM O'CONNOR,
6 Wheatfield Drive,
Cranbrook, Kent.

What on Earth?

From the Secretary General of the European Geophysical Society

Sir, The letter from Dr R. M. Wood (October 5), entitled "Geophysics left out in the cold", exposes a truism, but creates a confusion. The truism is that in this country geophysics has long been regarded as a Cinderella of the sciences and generally had a poor deal. The wrong impression is that poor British geophysicists, shunned by the all-powerful geologists, have been forced into an unnatural marriage with astronomers.

Increasingly the space age is revealing a wealth of information on planets other than the Earth. It is no longer scientifically acceptable to restrict the study of geophysics to terrestrial physics. The prefix "geo" is having to become redefined. Purists may object, but one can talk about the "geology of the Moon".

There could never have been a more inappropriate time to suggest earthling geology by changing its title to "Earth sciences" (your correspondence, September 24), or to conceive that geology, geophysics and astronomy should be classified in a "British Earth Sciences Society" (your correspondence, October 5). It is perhaps, after all, not so unnatural for geophysics and its partner, planetary geology, to find a home under the umbrella of astronomy.

Dr Wood mentions the highly successful American Geophysical Union, but he seems unaware of the existence of the similarly-modelled, much younger, but expanding European Geophysical Society. This society has always been well supported by British geophysicists; indeed, it came into being largely through the activities of British enthusiasts.

Some years ago the society considered changing its name to avoid the embarrassment of terminology, but it finally opted to define geophysics on all its official documentation by adding the subtitle, "for the study of the Earth and planetary sciences".

Sincerely,
GEOFFREY M. BROWN,
Secretary General,
European Geophysical Society,
University College of Wales,
Department of Physics,
Aberystwyth, Dyfed.

Olympics application

From the Ambassador of Greece

Sir, I was saddened to see, in a report on your sports pages of October 16 concerning the 1996 Olympic Games, the assertion that "Greece has not been the most politically stable country in the recent past and another military coup similar to the one in 1967 could scupper its chances".

Your reporter is obviously not familiar with the functioning of democracy in Greece since its restoration in 1974, which has been a period of exemplary political stability. As you must be well aware, four general elections have been held in that time, each of which returned to power a party with an absolute majority in Parliament.

In these circumstances, reference to a possible military coup is neither credible nor in good taste.

Yours sincerely,
S. G. STATHATOS,
Greek Embassy,
1A Holland Park, W11,
October 21.

Placing blame for market drop

From Mr A. Doll-Steinberg

Sir, Lord Jay's letter (October 29) is based on a misconception. Until October, 1930, the crash and its aftermath, taken together, had the character of a severe but normal bear market — little worse, from the standpoint of the time, than the panic of 1907, after which both the stock market and the economy had recovered satisfactorily.

Moreover, quite unusually, a recession had started in August, 1929, i.e., actually before the peak and the crash. The US is not even in a recession at present.

The real damage, both to the US stock market and to the US and world economies, was in fact done from 1929 onwards as a result of two US banking crises, in October, 1930, and March, 1931. These crises were, of course, by-products of the crash; they could perhaps be compared with the secondary banking crises in Britain after 1974-75. Unlike the latter, however, they were mismanaged by the monetary authorities, the then fledgling Federal Reserve, and exacerbated by the fact that the US was on the gold standard, culminating in the flight of gold from the US in autumn, 1931.

Roosevelt, whom Lord Jay praises, on coming into office did suspend the convertibility of the dollar, as Nixon, whom he appears to criticise without mentioning by name, also did some forty years later but more thoroughly. However, any president could hardly have done less than either of them at those times.

Alliance merger

From the President of the Liberal Party

Sir, Reports of rows, let alone breakdown, between Liberals and Social Democrats over the issue of a policy prospectus (details, October 28) are a fiction. The issue was not even discussed at the last meeting of the joint negotiating team.

The facts are that over a period of about one hour Mr Maclean and one or two of his colleagues set out the SDP argument for producing a policy prospectus as part of the constitutional "package" for a merger of our two parties.

Before he began, the Liberal team made it clear that we would prefer to give our considered response this week after Mr Steel's return from America. There was no argument. The meeting moved

Cathedral threat

From Mr Andrew Anderson

Sir, English Heritage and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (Diary, October 27) are not alone in hoping the dean and chapter will think again about knocking a hole in the north transept of Norwich Cathedral to create an entrance to a new store room.

When I began worshipping in the cathedral 35 years ago the floors were swept every morning by the old stoker, Hardy, who lived with his brooms and buckets of sawdust in the boilerhouse outside the north ambulatory door. I cannot believe that this dry, spacious room is unsuitable,

especially as the boiler is no longer coal-fired.

If the size of the boilerhouse is not, for some reason, adequate, there is a stone pen the size of a squash court, used for burning rubbish, and a derelict workmen's lavatory, also only a foot or two from the ambulatory door, which could be converted to make a verger's store large enough to take every piece of cleaning apparatus imaginable.

We are from time to time invited by the dean and chapter to attend "cathedral consultations", but they never include subjects like preserving Norman masonry.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW ANDERSON,
1 The Close,
Norwich, Norfolk.

Access to papers

From Mr A. B. Phillips

Sir, Mr Chowdhury-Best writes (October 21) about delays in availability at the British Library Newspaper Library. His comments relate chiefly to UK provincial newspapers; national newspapers are bound and become available for use within three to six months. As far as provincial titles are concerned, almost all 1985's bound volumes are now available to readers.

Beginning with 1986 issues, the Newspaper Library will microfilm all UK newspapers upon receipt and readers will use the microfilm. The original copies, however, will still be retained. The microfilm will be available to readers more quickly than the bound volumes are now.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW PHILLIPS (Director,
Public Services, Humanities &
Social Sciences),
The British Library,
Great Russell Street, WC1,
October 26.

Double trouble

From Mr Richard Osborne

Sir, Unless things have changed since my Oxford days, there is no "double first in Greats", such as your PHS today (October 28) says Lord Hailsham took in 1930. What Quintin Hogg, as he then was, had taken was a first in Mods, followed by a first in Greats; a double first indeed, but not in Greats.

I remember that in the 1930s a new novel by Beverley Nichols (Balliol 1917, '19 and '20) ascribed a double first in Greats to one of his characters and I teased him about it in a review. I had checked

with Humphry Ellis (double first, Mods and Greats), then Assistant Editor of *Punch*, that Nichols (B) had committed a misnomer.

He agreed and said, "It sounds like something specially reserved for Quintin" — Hogg (the Hon Q.) being the great Oxford examinee of our day. He got everything, ending up with an All Souls fellowship — but not a double first in Greats.

Yours,
RICHARD OSBORNE,
(double third, Mods and Greats),
8 Crofton House,
1 New Cavendish Street, W1,
October 28.

Telecom surveys

From the Director General of Ofel

Sir, You report (October 27) that I "stunned consumer organisations and politicians" by announcing that because Telecom was now publishing its own figures Ofel would stop its surveys. That is not an accurate report of what I said in my statement.

I said that it would not be sensible for Ofel to replicate every year measures of BT's performance which can easily be obtained within the BT network (emphasis added). However, the key statement was the one that followed:

"My objectives in continuing Ofel's work on quality of service will be to improve my understanding of consumers' attitudes to BT's performance, to obtain evidence about the reliability of BT's statistics, as necessary, and to cover topics that are not dealt with in BT's statistics."

Yours sincerely,
BRYAN CARSBURG,
Director General,
Office of Telecommunications,
Atlantic House,
Holborn Viaduct, EC1.

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From the President of the Classical Association of Great Britain

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CLOSING OF THE EXHIBITION.

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THE PRINCE OF WALES'S SPEECH.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

On Saturday afternoon the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley was publicly closed by its President, the Prince of Wales.

It was and was like Ophelia's. It had too much of water. The English weather, which had done its best to ruin the Exhibition's life, did a final deed of spite by coming to insult its death. Thunder and lightning, a snowstorm, a true London fog — any of our other kinds of bad weather would have been more dignified, more impressive, more suitable to the occasion than that dull, relentless rain, that dismal November mist. Nevertheless, with the British loquacious which we like to pretend is phlegm, some thousands of people had come to Wembley; and, wading through lakes and fording rivers, had adventured up to the Stadium. The covered blocks were pretty full. Down in the uncovered blocks heroic hordes were standing (because the benches were too wet to sit on) huddled together, seeking shelter under their own umbrellas and getting drenched by other people's.

Before the ceremony began they watched with faint curiosity some workmen, with fork and crowbar, searching for Atlantis in the largest of several oceans that had submerged much of the drive round the central bog. The last confound was discovered just in time to save from death by drowning the massed pipers of the 1st and the 2nd Battalions, Scots Guards, and the 1st Battalion, Irish Guards, who stepped right on to it as they came in, to march, cheerily piping, all round the arena amid the enthusiastic condensation of the crowd. It seemed a pity that neither the British Navy nor the Mercantile Marine was represented in the ceremony. A few sailors, complete with ship, would have played an appropriate part.

When the pipers had done their march other musicians began to make a cheerful noise unto the bored. The programme told us that they were the Massed Bands of the Brigade of Guards; but from the opposite side of the stadium they were invisible, through the humid haze. Fortunately they were audible...

ATTENDANCE FIGURES.
The number of visitors to the British Empire Exhibition on Saturday was 97,499 and the total number who visited the Exhibition from April 23, when it was opened, until the closing hour on Saturday night was 17,403,119. The highest attendance on any one day was recorded on Whit Monday (June 9), when the figure was 321,222. Saturday proved to be the most popular day apart from Bank Holidays, and the highest Saturday attendances were registered during the first three weeks of September — the period of the Military Tattoo.

From the opening of the Exhibition to its close, over 4,000,000 persons have been detained at the L.M.S. Wembley Station, and the handling of this abnormal traffic has been effected without incident. Including those who broke the journey at Euston and St. Pancras, the London Midland and Scottish Railway alone has dealt with approximately 6,750,000 Exhibition visitors. In addition to their ordinary service, the company have run 2,682 special trains, of which many came from distant parts of the provinces, and from places as far north as Inverness and Aberdeen. For the accommodation of these long-distance excursionists, dining cars were frequently attached to the trains, and 250 cooks, pages, and conductors were at times simultaneously employed on the dining cars throughout the L.M.S. system. The number of meals served on these during the period of the Exhibition reaches a total exceeding 1,220,000...

Relative values

From Mr Alan Wykes

Sir, Two headlines on page 2 of *The Times* today (later editions, October 31) suggest an incongruity of priorities: "£250,000 grant for kidney wards"; "Spy book (Spy-catcher, of course) law suits 'cost £2m'".

Yours with a cynical smile,
ALAN WYKES,
382 Tilehurst Road,
Reading, Berkshire.

Rate for the job

From Dr G. L. Taylor

Sir, This morning I received a cheque for £50: the fee for examining a PhD candidate in London for 3½ hours. This evening I parted with £51.75: the fee for a plumber to unblock my sewer, a task requiring 40 minutes.

Is this a further example of the brain drain?

Yours etc,
GARRY TAYLOR,
University of Oxford,
Laboratory of Molecular Biophysics,
The Rex Richards Building,
South Parks Road, Oxford,
October 21.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 2: The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee of the Council, this afternoon attended a luncheon and meeting of the Council of St George's House at Windsor Castle.

His Royal Highness, Trustee, this evening attended a meeting of the Trustees of The Prince Philip Trust Fund for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead at Windsor Castle.

The Prince Edward this morning presented the 1987 Schools Design Prize at the Science Museum, London SW7.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel Martin Gibbs) and the Chairman of the Company (Mr John Nutt).

The Princess Royal, Chancellor of the University of London, this afternoon opened SPP plc's enlarged manufacturing plant in Coleford, Forest of Dean.

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OBITUARY

LORD COBBOLD

Governor of Bank of England in demanding times

Lord Cobbold, KG, PC, GCMG, Governor of the Bank of England from 1949 to 1961, died on November 1. He was 83.

His influence on post-war monetary policy covered a stirring period: the nationalization of the Bank; the devaluation of sterling; the introduction of monetary policy; the convertibility of sterling; the Bank rate tribunal, and the Radcliffe Committee.

Cobbold became Governor only a few months before the devaluation of the pound. His main task in the years which followed was to superintend the long convalescence of sterling, the gradual removal of emergency wartime restrictions on the working of the financial machine, and the rehabilitation of the City of London.

He was, perhaps, the first Governor to realise that the Bank could no longer go its own way heedless of public opinion. He was the first to appear on television, and to make regular speeches up and down the country.

But he will be best remembered for his insistence that the nationalized Bank should retain its independence, and this he did with determination and discretion.

Cameron Fromanteel Cobbold was born on September 14, 1904, and educated at Eton, and King's College, Cambridge. After a year there he decided that he would not profit much from academic life and left without a degree.

At 21 he went into the City, entering the office of a chartered accountant, and later joined the associated firm in Paris. Thus began his connection with Continental affairs that was to prove invaluable.

In 1928, he returned to London to join the Excess Insurance Company and Messrs. C. E. Heath, at Lloyd's. Heath was quick to recognize Cobbold's talents and sent him to manage the company's Italian subsidiary.

Soon after he went to Italy, an important Italian bank, in which many British banks had interests, failed. Cobbold was used to unravel the extremely intricate financial position which the failure of the Italian bank brought to light. This brought him to the notice of Montagu (later, Lord) Norman, then Governor of the Bank of England.

In 1933, he joined the Bank as "adviser" in its overseas and foreign department. His arrival coincided with the final collapse of the gold standard, and he was thus thrown into the international field at a time when the whole future of money and foreign exchanges was in the melting pot.

He struck up friendships with members of the Bank of France's staff which greatly contributed to the Tripartite Monetary Agreement of 1936, which brought together the American, British and French

governments in a rising tide of separatist enthusiasm, and his Parti Québécois caused a series of alarm throughout Canada, and sparked off an exodus of English-speaking people from the province.

But Lévesque lived to see the aim of a separate state of Quebec wane in the concerns of the province's electorate. And when he set aside the independence issue for a second election campaign he had to endure a cabinet mutiny that split the party.

Nevertheless, his Parti Québécois government enhanced the position of French in Quebec, and on matters of constitutional reform proved a difficult partner for the English-speaking provinces.

Lévesque was born on August 24, 1922, at New Carlisle, on the remote Gaspé coast. He dropped out of Laval University law school, in Quebec, in 1943, and absconded to New York rather than be conscripted into the Canadian Army.

He enlisted with the United States Office of War Information, as he put it, "anything to get overseas, but not in His Majesty's uniform." He ended up working in London, where he took part in broadcasts directed at occupied France.

He had a highly successful career in radio and television on his return home, but decided to go into politics in 1960, and was elected as a Liberal in the Quebec election of that year. As the province's Minister of Natural Resources, he single-handedly pushed through the nationalization of Quebec's huge hydroelectric power industry.

Lévesque broke with the Liberals in 1967 over the issue of Quebec sovereignty. He had become an outspoken advocate of independence for the province, and he now formed the Parti Québécois out of two previously existing movements, both dedicated to that goal.



monetary authorities together to organize an agreed depreciation of various European currencies.

He was, from 1936 to 1939, active in preparing plans for meeting the impact of war, and led a group which worked out the procedures necessary to convert the country from a free exchange and trading nation into a totally controlled community as soon as war was declared. A new note issue was designed and printed to meet various contingencies, not least the suspected forging of British notes by Germany.

In 1938 he was elected a director of the Bank. From the outbreak of war he became the Bank's principal representative in all the ensuing international financial problems. In the early stages Franco-British relations were all-important, and Cobbold played a leading part in negotiating the Simon-Reynaud agreement of December 1939, which was designed - abortively as it proved - to integrate the British and French economic and monetary systems.

THE ARTS

Morning sickness

For sheer sanctimoniousness, Jean Rook's appearance on *Good Morning Britain* (TV-am) took some beating. Of course we wanted the Royal couple to get back together again — let's just assume there has been a rift, shall we? But there was something very strange going on, was there not? If they divorced, who would get custody of the children? Could the monarchy survive such a trauma? (Did she actually suggest it might not? Yes, she did.) As the pigs of the press put it in the previous night's *beta-plus* *Sprinting Image*: "Will Charles and Di make it up? Well, if they won't, we will."

Still, it was all good television — perhaps more watchable than the substantial interview later in TV-am's programme which featured surely the first publisher's

TELEVISION

editor ever to have David Frost visit her in her office to discuss the finer points of assembling a book. The fact that the book was about the Palace of Westminster was marginally less significant than the fact that the editor was the Duchess of York.

I tremble to think what the popular press will make of the revelation that she and a photographer (male) got up at 5.30am with their *l'esquimaux* to case the joint. Frostie managed to get away with just one tiny question about Di, but otherwise Fergie was in total command.

Not for the squeamish is a new series called *The Course to Fall* (BBC2) which is a history of modern surgery. The title must refer to statistics like the 70 per cent failure of brain operations before Dr Harvey Cushing came along: he reduced the percentage of deaths to 4 per cent by dint of concentrating in a single specialist area.

If you could keep your eyes on the screen while brain tumours were excised, there was a lot to learn here. The explanations of old-style operations were breathtakingly awful, and the real advances of the modern age apparently came when three problems had been conquered — blood loss, surgical infection and pain.

A very nice man from the Harvard Medical School reminded about it all affectionately, as if people dying around you were the most natural thing in the world; which for doctors, I guess, it is.

And so it ought also to be for Dr Who (BBC1) but the new adventure which started yesterday, currently stuck in a 1950s holiday camp, is desperately antiseptic and cleaned-up. Sylvester McCoy is a promising doctor, but there is only one ghoulish monster so far and only Ken Dodd has been shot to smithereens, which is no less than his brief cameo appearance deserved.

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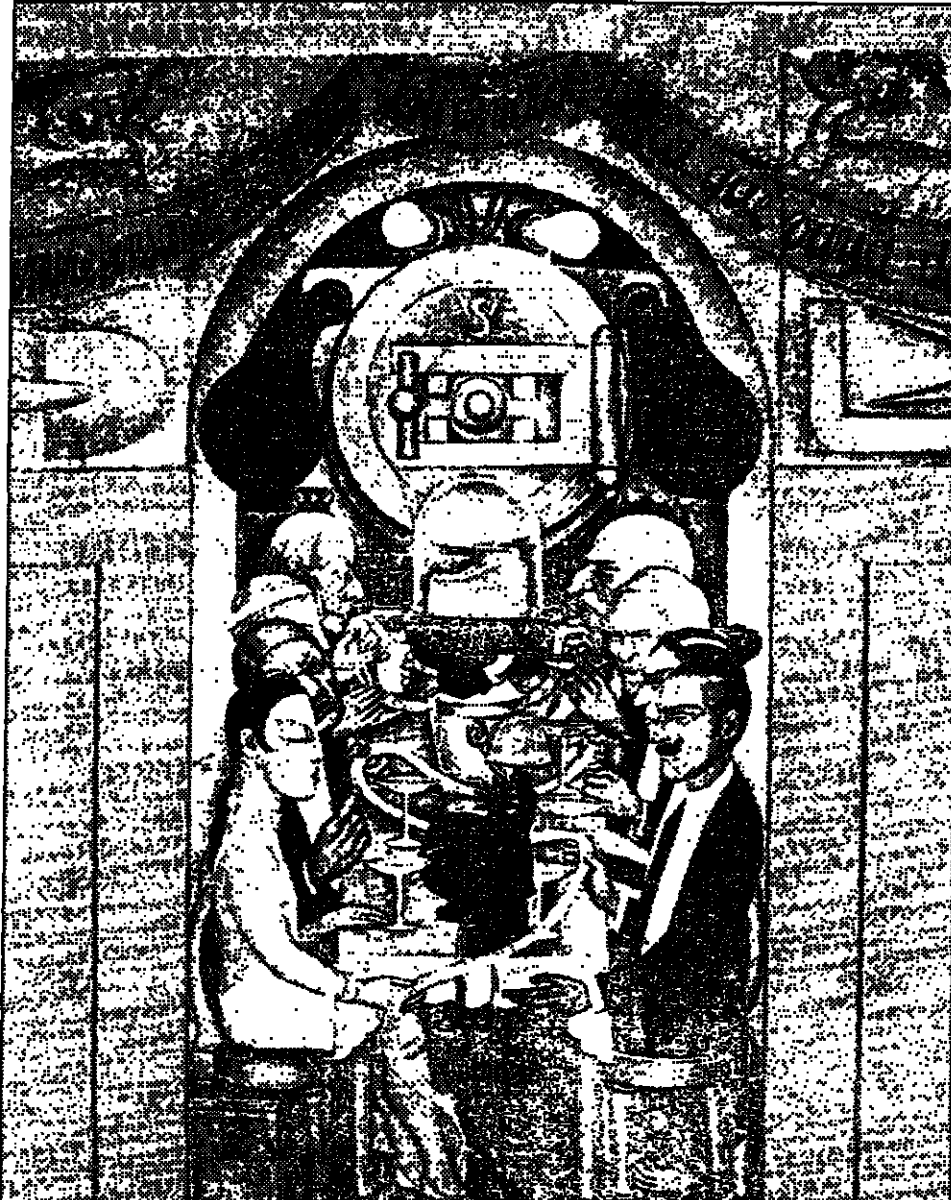
For years now we seem to have been circling round Diego Rivera. We have had exhibitions of his greatest rival/confère among the Mexican muralists, Orozco. We have had shows devoted to the most independently artistic ladies of his life, Tina Modotti and Frida Kahlo, and of the redoubtable Marenco, who lived with him during his Paris years and bore one of his many children. We have been kept up to date with the younger Mexican muralists, such as Tamayo.

But the man himself has remained elusive until now. That may be rectified by the major show of Rivera which has been touring North America and Europe for about 18 months and has now settled at the Hayward Gallery until January 10.

Europeans tend to have problems with the Mexican muralists of the interwar years. First, in the nature of things it is difficult to get any adequate idea of them without visiting the major sites in Mexico and the United States, where their most important works are immovably fixed. The present show, like its predecessor on Orozco, does its best to fill the gap with film, audio-visual and photographic documentation, as well as sketches and studies when available. But it is not really any substitute for the genuine article on its own original scale.

And so to the second obstacle: the perennial problem of balancing the value of estimable revolutionary politics with that of the art for art's sake. But beyond, deeper and more problematic yet, is the taste barrier. Orozco above all, but also Rivera to an important degree, sacrifices almost all the traditional niceties to the end of getting over the message with maximum force to the largest possible number of people. The art is deliberately vulgar, in both senses of the term, and tends to leave one feeling very dainty and nimbly-pinniny, but resistant none the less.

Fortunately, Rivera was a much more substantial and various artist than Orozco, and a much more extensive and important part of his



Rich irony: Diego Rivera's mural "The Wall Street Banquet" (1926) in Mexico City

output was devoted to easel paintings. Also, he was a far more cosmopolitan figure, much more vividly aware of what was going on in European art. Indeed, he was not merely an observer, but a vital part of the Cubist revolution in Paris, where he lived and worked primarily between 1909 and 1921.

He began his career as an agreeable if not particularly distinctive Post-Impressionist. Already by 1912 he had come to something more characteristic of his mature work in the monumental *The Old Ones*, painted in Toledo, which effortlessly gives an everyday scene strong symbolic overtones. But back in Paris he was swept away by the shapes and colours of the new "Synthetic" phase of Cubism (he never seems to have been too attracted by the dun colours of Analytical Cubism), and produced in the

next four or five years some of his most lastingly memorable paintings. But his fundamental attachment to the outside world of observed phenomena was clearly too strong to be broken altogether, and by 1918 he was reacting against Cubism in favour of a meticulous kind of realism which, in the still-lives especially, looks today uncannily modern. He also, while still in Paris, began to hanker after the sights and subjects of home, and when he returned to Mexico in 1921 he was instantly overwhelmed by the sheer beauty and colour of "that rich and severe, wretched and exuberant land".

By 1922 he was already at work on his first major mural, and from then on he was very definitely and deliberately a Mexican artist. But nothing was really lost: even dealing in often broad and simplified

terms with the political myths and realities of Mexico as he saw them, the formal lessons of his Cubist years continued to direct his hand. The murals and related works of Mexican ethnic inspiration may well be simple and direct to the point of being cartoonish, but they are saved from being strident and blatant by the inescapable sophistication of his formal ways and means.

And he was always immensely prolific, with a generosity of outpouring which recalls Picasso. It is not for nothing that colour reproductions of some of his later images, like the *Flower Carrier* of 1935, became almost inescapable in American motel rooms of the Norman Bates era. They manage to combine an easy local-colour appeal with a skill in formal organization which makes them continuously satisfactory to the critical mind even

as they go straight to the hearts of the masses Rivera saw as his prime audience.

Some of the later portraits and flower-infested pieces do perhaps come too near for comfort to the kitschy side of *The Three Caballeros*, but even here the intensity of vision gives them a slightly surreal atmosphere that still commands serious attention.

An extraordinary-looking, rather ugly man, obviously of intense personal magnetism, Rivera is a natural star personality in the many documents of his life and political background we see here and saw in the Kahlo/Modotti show at the Whitechapel. But somehow the work always finally remains more interesting than the personality which so palpably shaped it. Rivera is, much more unmistakably than Orozco, a major artist still in need of a major reevaluation on this side of the Atlantic.

The vogue in the *Swinging Sixties* for covering any available urban wall-space with ad-hoc murals brought in a new wave of influence and appreciation. And it has been unavoidable to wonder, faced with the recent productions of the young Glasgow painters, how much they could and did know about Rivera's more directly political art.

In the Art History show which accompanies Rivera at the Hayward one of this group, Ken Currie, is featured, having just completed a project fit for Rivera himself, the mural in the dome of the Glasgow People's Palace.

Among the other artists who have been commissioned for the occasion to mirror recent history in their art are Peter de Francia, whose devotion to the public subject and whose kinship to the Mexican muralists is well known. And though one would not instantly suspect a close relationship between them and R.B. Kitaj, he certainly has a similar interest in using popular iconography to achieve a broad-based appeal.

Also present are Terry Setch, Michael Sandle and Helen Chadwick, who have all in their very diverse ways reflected contemporary issues in their art. The idea of the show is certainly intriguing, indicating that if Rivera these days comes most obviously within the realm of art history, that does not mean that his soul does not go marching on.

John Russell Taylor



Before perestroika: Boris Godunov (Robert Lloyd) interrogates Shuisky (Antonio Bevacqua)

A Tsar for all seasons

OPERA

Boris Godunov
Teatro Comunale,
Florence

Robert Lloyd has made his belated Florence debut in the title role of *Boris Godunov*, and earned an ovation that by frosty Florentine standards was positively thunderous. And rightly so — Lloyd's demented Tsar has now matured into an interpretation of great power and individuality.

His naturally warm timbre and noble delivery establish him from the start as an unusually sympathetic protagonist, which serves to heighten the personal tragedy of an essentially good man destroyed by one mistake.

The range of emotions that Lloyd encompasses in the course of the role is immense, but no less remarkable is the expressive fine-tuning that enables him to find the precise tinge for every phrase. In Boris's central monologue for example, Lloyd combines great tenderness for his daughter with a sense of passionate concern for her happiness. Nothing could be further removed from the generalised emoting that often passes for operatic acting.

Another superbly-judged performance came from Stafford Dean, in richly resonant voice, whose sinister Rangoni was a model of understated nuance. Grigory was ardently sung in clear, ringing tones by Walter Donati, whose tenor has more than a glint of real steel in it. And Lucia Valentini Terrani's forceful, occasionally strident singing was utterly appropriate for the upwardly mobile Marina Mnishek. There was a lively Varlam from the veteran Dimitri Petkov, and an extremely veteran Hostess from the ever-lively Fedora Barbieri.

After some initial uncertainties Myung-Whun Chung conducted a taut, clear-textured performance that re-

vealed much of the beauty and the brutality of Mussorgsky's orchestration, although his tendency to briskness robbed certain passages of their peculiar haunting quality — Pimen seemed to write pretty quickly for an old man, and some of Boris's doom-laden lines should have been given more weight.

Like the principals, the chorus sang in surtitled Russian; unlike the principals, however, they sounded as if they were singing in Italian, which is a fairly major flaw in a portrayal of the Russian people. The opening scene was marred by ragged ensemble, but they all got together for a spirited Revolt at the end.

Unfortunately the performance as a whole amounted to less than the sum of its parts, and the blame must be placed squarely on the shoulders of the director/designer Piero Faggioni. As director, he relied on crude physical conflict that pushed the action over the top instead of forward, thus irretrievably breaking the momentum of a scene. Boris half-throated Shuisky on the floor by way of threatening him, and Marina kicked the Pretender playfully in the ribs as he knelt, imploringly before her. As designer, Faggioni placed every scene in a forest clearing — except boyars from the Kremlin Council Chamber, through the trees! Perhaps this was symbolism.

Nigel Jamieson

A pure delight

CONCERTS

London New
Music
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This was a slightly austere evening, centred on the pure white music of Cage's *Zen-Satie* period and including four variously enigmatic new pieces offered with minimally informative programme notes. One feels somewhat bleached.

The Cage pieces comprised his total output for violin and piano: the charming little *Nocturne* of 1947 and the *Six Melodies*, written three years later, very much in the motionless style of the *String Quartet*. Though the effect is always utterly simple, both works are the devil to play since in their cool perfection they show up any speck of hesitation or error, any effort to phrase or interpret. Both Ann Hooley and Michael Blake did well to draw so little attention to themselves, though they could have

sounded more united in the *Six Melodies*.

Otherwise the programme was clarinettish. There was a short, bald opener from Christopher Fox, *Heliotrope 7*, in which clarinet duets kept breaking off for resonances from a bowed vibraphone.

More conventional in scoring and manner, Anthony Marks's *Aporia-Sonata* for clarinet and piano was a likeably odd, controlled and convincing piece kicking off references in various directions: to English long-lined ruminative lyricism, to the clear, fractured sonorities of Messiaen and late Britten, to jazz. Ian Stuart and Mr Blake gave a lively performance.

The other two pieces, both adding a piano trio to the Fox ensemble, were Matteo Fagnoli's *Amnesia*, remembering scraps in the style of Stravinsky from around 1920, and Gerald Barry's "as empty as its title but very beautiful and done with great wit. Somebody should rescue the Barry opera that the ICA regrettably had to abandon."

Paul Griffiths

Chilingirian
Quartet
Queen Elizabeth
Hall

Composing a string quintet these days is to put one's self in the shadow of some of the great masterworks of the chamber repertoire, but Stephen Dodgson has created his own patch of light with a rewarding new contribution to the form. His *String Quintet* was given and sounded like a very accomplished premiere performance in their South Bank series by the Chilingirian Quartet, with Stephen Isserlis as second cello.

That extra player has usually been a means either to contrast of timbre or richness of texture. Mr Dodgson has elements of both, but with a further aspect of contrasts in register, with the viola sometimes being *agent provocateur* to high and low in turn. It is a work of some substance, three movements with a duration of nearly 40 minutes, and with

resourceful use of lyrically expressive tonal material. Both the first two movements owe something to the Slavonic *dumka* form of alternating fast and slow tempi to work out the basic melodic ideas that run throughout, and the finale is a series of variations on a brightly chiming theme, with a sudden break to a slow reflective passage at the centre. Without tempting new explorations the work is the product of a thoughtful musician who seeks to give players a challenge and listeners a pleasure and succeeds in both.

It shared a programme with Haydn's E-flat Quartet known as "The Joke", the humour of its persistent false endings suitably relished, and with Schubert's C-major Quintet. Here the performance communicated an eloquent commitment and understanding, with vivid clarity of inner parts in the balance of texture, not least in the passionate F-minor section of the slow movement and the almost prayer-like dark introspection of the third movement trio.

Noel Goodwin

LONDON
DEBUT

Smiljka Isakovic, from Belgrade, specialises in Spanish harpsichord music and her Wigmore recital, was a short, carefully balanced programme of Scarlatti and Soler. She plays, as she dresses with both panache and elegance. Her fingerwork is nimble and brilliant, her use of rubato a form of elasticity which creates maximum tension and vitality. She presented a recently discovered *Fandango* by Scarlatti — a tour de force of even, ringing semiquavers and strung chords — and matched it, at the end of the evening, with one by Soler, Scarlatti's pupil. In this composer she found a bewilderment of energetic trills, arful and intricate changes of registration and, in his *Toccata Fantasia*, a sense of dramatic timing always within its idiomatic frame.

Hedwig Swinberghe, the Flemish clarinetist, planned a Purcell Room recital of either courage, audacity or folly. A programme of Gade, Brahms, Hindemith, Semler-Collery and Swinberghe himself seemed calculated to drive away all but his friends; and it was perhaps the half-empty auditorium which dampened his spirits. This was trim, conscientious playing, fluent in the Schumannesque passage-work of Gade, nimble in Hindemith's labyrinths of part-writing. What was lacking was any sense of daring. Too often, opening notes fail to compel attention, or the phrasing of a Brahms Andante became an earnest note-by-note matter rather than a singing arc of sound. It could well be that Mr Swinberghe, who is a member of the Belgian Woodwind Quartet, needs the stimulus of chamber-music making to awaken his own best playing.

Hilary Finch

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PLASTICS

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A SPECIAL REPORT

By Michael Hatfield

The material that touches all our lives

Few industries have experienced such a change in activities in the last decade as those in plastics. Demand is dictating supply and has brought big advances in chemical technology and molecular manipulation.

It is a highly competitive world, especially as the Middle East oil-producing states are now developing their own plastics industry with easier and cheaper access to oil feedstocks with which to produce some of the general plastics products.

Europe and the United States have had to gear their capacity to a more sophisticated market.

Extraordinary developments are taking place in packaging, building materials, automotive products — the thought of a plastic petrol tank

seems almost a contradiction in terms, but it exists — and latterly there has been the challenging market of information technology.

These dynamic changes have led to a worldwide plastics industry worth nearly £140 billion and growing at 4 per cent a year.

Jobs for 200,000

In Europe, the industry is producing 25 to 30 million tonnes of high-grade materials valued at about £20 billion and providing employment for about 200,000 people.

In the UK, production has gone up steadily from 1.7 million tonnes in 1982 to about 2 million tonnes today, with consumption soaring from 2

million to 2.7 million tonnes.

While Britain may be a net importer of both plastics materials and machinery, the industry redresses the trade balance by exports of semi-finished and finished products, often as indirect exports.

It is hard to imagine a modern world without plastics. Manfred Roh, a former president of the Association of Plastics Manufacturers in Europe, says: "Without plastics, the western world would not have experienced its new industrial age."

"Computers, telephones, radio, television, electrical networks, cars, household appliances, food conservation and many other facilities considered daily goods could not have been realized with traditional materials only."

Despite the growth, not everything is rosy for the



Plastics are used widely in aircraft and Ford now uses semi-rigid polyurethane car bumpers

industry. European governments and the EEC have all expressed concern about plastics development, primarily on environmental grounds.

Ministerial directives prohibiting the use of plastic shopping bags have been issued in Italy and Sicily. PVC, in particular, is increasingly viewed with suspicion.

Denmark is contemplating banning its use and Sweden wants to impose tougher specifications on plasticized PVC (cling film).

Though there is a real problem about the disposal of discarded plastic products, those in the industry like Mr Roh argue that the wrong approach is being made.

He says: "It is simply that the increasing use of plastics raises deep questions communities would prefer to avoid,

and, rather than investing in modern efficient incineration, for example, which would eliminate toxic fumes from materials, it is thought easier to ban plastics."

Who would pay for better incineration techniques is, of course, a question germane to the argument. But those who

Easier to ban them

call for restrictions of plastics uses, in the view of the industry, consider only the disposal of plastics.

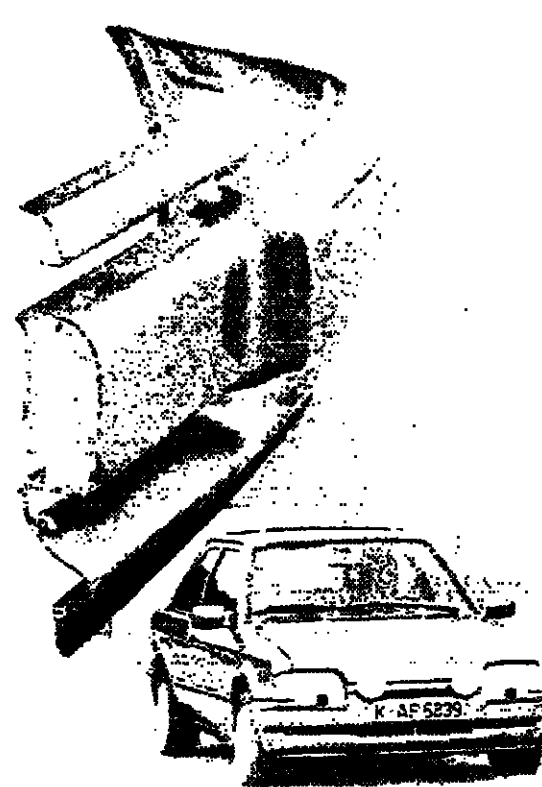
They do not, it is argued, take proper account of the overall benefits of plastics which accrue from effective production of raw materials, from rational and energy-saving fabrication and use of

plastic articles, and from energy recuperation on disposal.

Mr Roh says: "Plastics are as much a part of our lives as the air we breathe. Their contribution to automobile fuel reduction in Germany alone removes 80 billion cubic metres of toxic fumes from the atmosphere each year. Every day, worldwide, they save millions of trees from being cut down and conserve millions of tons of scarce fossil fuels."

"More than a million people are alive today thanks to plastic arteries implanted in their bodies. Deserts are becoming green as a result of irrigation and conservation projects based on plastics."

But while the arguments continue, in Europe there is a strategy among manufacturers in the development of plastics. Patrick Robinson, director



of the Interplas '87 exhibition, says: "Overall we can see clearly a shift to high-specification products in the plastics industry, to serve high-specification applications in the user industries. This trend, in fact, helps the European industry to absorb growing imports, both of plastics materials and products,

while continuing to produce for itself."

It has generated greater confidence in an industry which has learned the hard way to have a more competitive edge. Research and development as a percentage of sales is rising again in the billion-dollar multinational chemical companies.

Now theory is almost a reality

What are described as "highly intelligent" plastics, such as liquid crystal polymers, hold the promise of delivering physical and mechanical properties which were once only theoretical possibilities.

Already available are the conductive plastics (a great breakthrough) which could reap the benefits of the information technology explosion and the world of microchips, special alloys and statistical process control.

In other words, the industry is growing dynamically, with ever-increasing emphasis on advanced technology and processing techniques. The result is an expanding range of high-specification, end-user applications: aerospace, automotive, electronics, packaging and across the entire area of engineering.

The application of advanced plastic materials and processing technology within the electronics field is increasingly represented across a wide selection of sophisticated consumer and electronics products shows the increasing application of advanced plastic materials and processing technology in electronics.

George Sommers, editor of the authoritative *Plastics and Rubber Weekly*, says: "Development is moving at a dynamic rate. It is now more than just speculation, for instance, when predicting that by the end of the century all major communications could be channelled through a single glass-fibre cable." Estimates indicate that the automotive industry worldwide accounts for more than 14 per cent of plastics output in terms of materials and processing technology. The average weight of plastics within today's average vehicle is almost 50 kilograms.

In Europe, manufacturers are putting about 100 kg of plastics into every motor car, which means, with about 11 million cars being manufactured annually, that current models will use more than a million tonnes of high performance engineering plastics.

In the US, a prototype car has been produced which is totally built from plastics, but costs are still prohibitive. The Austin Rover Group, in conjunction with ICI, has been experimenting for some time in using plastics for damage-prone exterior bodywork.

Though results have been satisfactory, Austin is insisting that such parts should conform in paintability to requirements of the assembly line and must also achieve at least 15 per cent weight saving against steel without any cost increase in the final component.

In terms of growth, technological development and

market penetration, plastics packaging over the last decade has achieved remarkable successes. The packaging industry now represents the leading single market sector for plastics materials and process technology, accounting for some 30 per cent of all output a year. And the increasing application of high-specification plastics materials and process technology within the expanding aerospace industry has led directly to a far wider usage. The NASA space programme is an obvious example, but advanced composite materials, as another instance, have reduced manufacturing costs on many of the complex sections of the new EH101 helicopter being built jointly by Westland Helicopters and Agusta, Milan.

Composite plastics are saving weight on cockpit, tail-plane and fin, cowlings, radome fairings, and in particular they are used in the advanced aerofoil sections of the main and tail rotors. Despite the ever-increasing sophistication of end products, another factor is growing in importance: the cost of maintenance. It is not only the car manufacturer, or those involved in the aerospace industry, who are looking increasingly to components which will not require replacement. In construction, the most conservative of all industries, the demand for low maintenance is a familiar cry.

It shows itself in the fast growth for unplasticized PVC window frames, where the UK market is now second only to West Germany and growing at above 10 per cent a year.

Fire retardancy is another key area, and the Interplas '87 exhibition is a world shop window on the latest developments. It is an area which covers not only buildings, cars and aerospace, but also information technology, and the applications that could be used in the computer, electronics and business equipment sector.

What could be the biggest trend in Europe, and meets some of the objections of the environmentalists, is the question of re-use and recycling of materials. One has only to consider the 100 kg which go into every car to imagine the scale of waste once a car is consigned to the scrapyard.

Both the industry and governments are becoming increasingly aware that discarding a valuable material after one use is a terrible waste of resource which is derived from oil, a fossil resource.

That is why recycling technology, based on a first use (such as packaging, or automotive products) followed by weight, in building products, for example, is now being seriously considered by plastics manufacturers in Europe.

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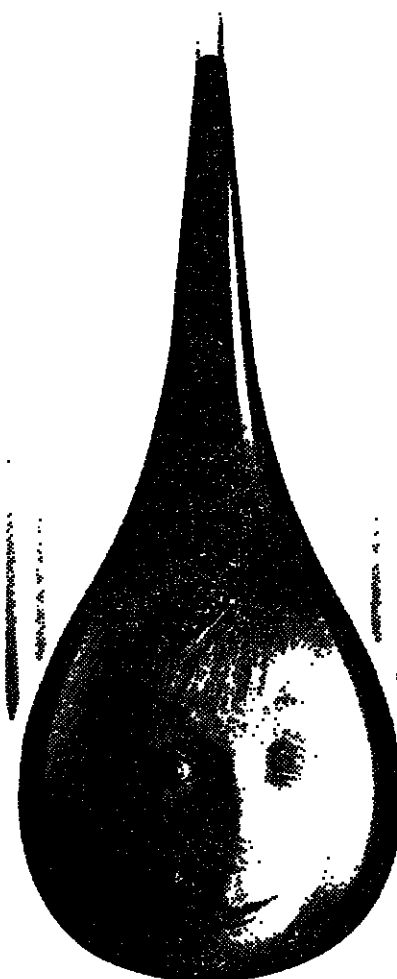
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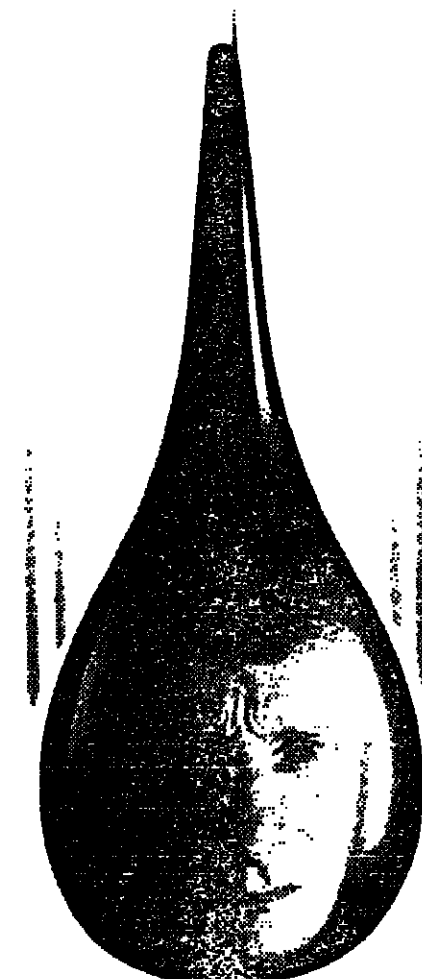
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A new revolution in packaging

One of the great industrial success stories in the past decade has been the use of plastics for packaging. Enormous developments have taken place to the extent it accounts for 35 to 40 per cent of all plastics consumption in Europe.

A major growth sector, it is particularly evident in the United Kingdom market, with sophisticated plastics being used for the packaging of a growing range of consumer durables, from beer crates to bottles, from plates to paint cans.

The packaging sector, in fact, has been revolutionized. Paper wrappers have been replaced by plastic film, shopping bags are with few exceptions, made from plastic, glass bottles are more and more being supplanted by plastic materials, vending cups, once made from waxed paper, are now made from the reformed plastic sheet.

The list seems endless. Containers and dustbins which were once made from galvanized iron are now injection-moulded or rotationally-moulded from plastics, disposable cups for hot liquids are made from expanded polystyrene, sacks, once manufactured from woven jute, are now made from plastic film or woven plastics fibres.

The development of plastics has brought about specialized packaging applications, particularly for foodstuffs. Laminated and coated films have been developed, which give controlled permeability to air and moisture and therefore enabling the pack to "breathe".

Coextruded laminates are being used for blow-moulded containers. And with the advent of the micro-wave oven there has been the introduction of the packaging of ready-to-serve meals in plastic trays.

British production of all types of plastics for packaging is now running in the region of one million tonnes. The value of the market at manufacturers' sales level is estimated at more than £1 billion.

It has been brought about by the advances in multi-layer technology, allowing high-tech, blow-moulded plastics to be used in the traditional packaging markets such as glass and tinplate. Whisky in polyester bottles would have sounded like a heresy not many years ago, but now more than 100 spirit brands have followed the lead set by McKinlay's in a development pioneered by ICI and United Closures and Plastics.

The success story within a success story is PET - Polyester Terephthalate, a highly advanced plastic which has caught, if not yet captured, the soft drinks market. Virtually unknown in the packaging industry before 1980, sales of pet containers had soared to 700 million units a year by 1985 and were in the region of 900 million last year.

Pet bottles today account for more than 35 per cent of the large carbonated soft drinks market and about 11 per cent of the take-home beer market, now estimated at about 850 million litres.

The growth of the use of Pet has not only penetrated the carbonated soft drink market, but its consequent effect upon the use of glass, but also significantly expanded the market because of its convenient usability, and new areas of development are emerging all the time.

Soft drinks add sparkle to Polyester Terephthalate, the new pet on the market

While the principal suppliers of the Pet new material have been ICI and Hoechst, Eastman in the United States are moving into the market and are building a plant in the North-East of England.

Marketing managers and retailers are attracted by Pet because they have been able to sell twice the volume of drink with little increase in sales space.

And another asset is that the plastics processes bring to packaging the ability to create distinctive shapes. The horizons and opportunities of designers have been widened by the scope with which these materials offer over traditional materials, where differentiation relied on the

designer's skill to create the impression and communicate the product through graphics alone.

The demand for custom-moulded containers has never been clearer than in the oil and agrochemical markets, where originally the plastic bottle was synonymous with a cheaper commodity.

But then there was, to quote Iain Mackay, sales and marketing manager of Blo-Mocan, "a leap frog effect and the middle range was left out". He says: "We started custom manufacturing plastic containers for the high-performance oils, the design of which is a clear reflection of the standard of the product."

An example is: Duckhams containers, now being used as a marketing tool. It is generally recognized that many major oil companies are moving into plastics and several are carrying out extensive market research.

Similarly, chemical companies such as ICI and Shell have switched from tinplate to plastic containers for several of their products. There is the development of the dual compartmented pack, not to say the three pack, in the agrochemical market. Not only are such packs convenient to the customer but also they are the manufacturer, who can sell both or all three ingredients in just one package.

One of several options available to manufacturers of solvents is the fluorinated container. Fluorination coats the inner surface of the container with a fluorine barrier. One company, Air Products, holds the patent for inline fluorinating and is the only company in the United Kingdom offering this process out of a total of about 400 blow moulders.

It is Air Products, which only started in the industrial solvent market three years ago, which has had a major success in the fluorinated petrol tank market and established licensing agreements with Kanter-Worke for Volvo and Elbaitner for Audi VW.

Aids to better medicine

The use of plastics for medical purposes has been one of the greatest advances in health care this century. While the applications could hardly be described as high in tonnage terms, the use of plastic devices account for hundreds of millions of pounds.

After 25 years use in medical disposables such as forceps and scalpels, devices like dispensers and lenses, and replacements which can range from limbs and joints to heart valves and artificial veins, polymers are nearing a breakthrough success as replacements for many more body organs.

Newer plastic resins, particularly polycarbonates, are becoming available which meet physico-chemical blood compatibility and cytotoxicity tests. Polyurethanes and polyester in dialysis catheters, polymer hydrogels for the gradual release of drugs and such composites as synthetic wound dressings, are but some of the other developments under research.

Insertion trace into the body

Medical grades of PVC and polystyrene are the plastics most commonly used in medical devices. High-volume markets for polystyrene include Petri dishes, pipettes, test tubes and other containers requiring high standards of optical clarity.

PVC is used for surgical tubing of all forms, and recent advances include developments of flexible PVC catheters and tubing, to be traced after insertion into the body.

Among the applications for potential growth are polyurethanes for catheters and dialysis products and medical grade polyethylene for use in surgical implants for hip and knee replacement joints.

Other high-tech plastics are being used which can be moulded into complex shapes and therefore can play an important part in supportive appliances used in the treatment of orthopaedic and disabling conditions. Among the applications are splint supports, medical shoe insoles, spinal jackets and wheelchair seats.

The market is opening up for polyesters and polycarbonates because the increased use of gamma radiation in the sterilization of a large number of medical products is tending to restrict the use of plastics which degrade or discolour on exposure to radiation.

In the development of materials, from sutures to artificial hearts, one of the key factors is biocompatibility. In other words, if the body tissues won't accept an "alien presence" they will simply reject it.

That is why biopolymers, plastics made by bacterial action on glucose, have such enormous potential. While research started some 60 years ago, it was only in the late 1950s, with the development of polyhydroxybutyrate (PHB) that commercial application became possible.

It was this, together with advances in polymer synthesis, that has made biopolymers available for such products as sutures and swabs, wound dressings, bone fracture plates and pins.

And it is their inherent biodegradability which makes them attractive for disposable use.

Scoring over Biopolymers

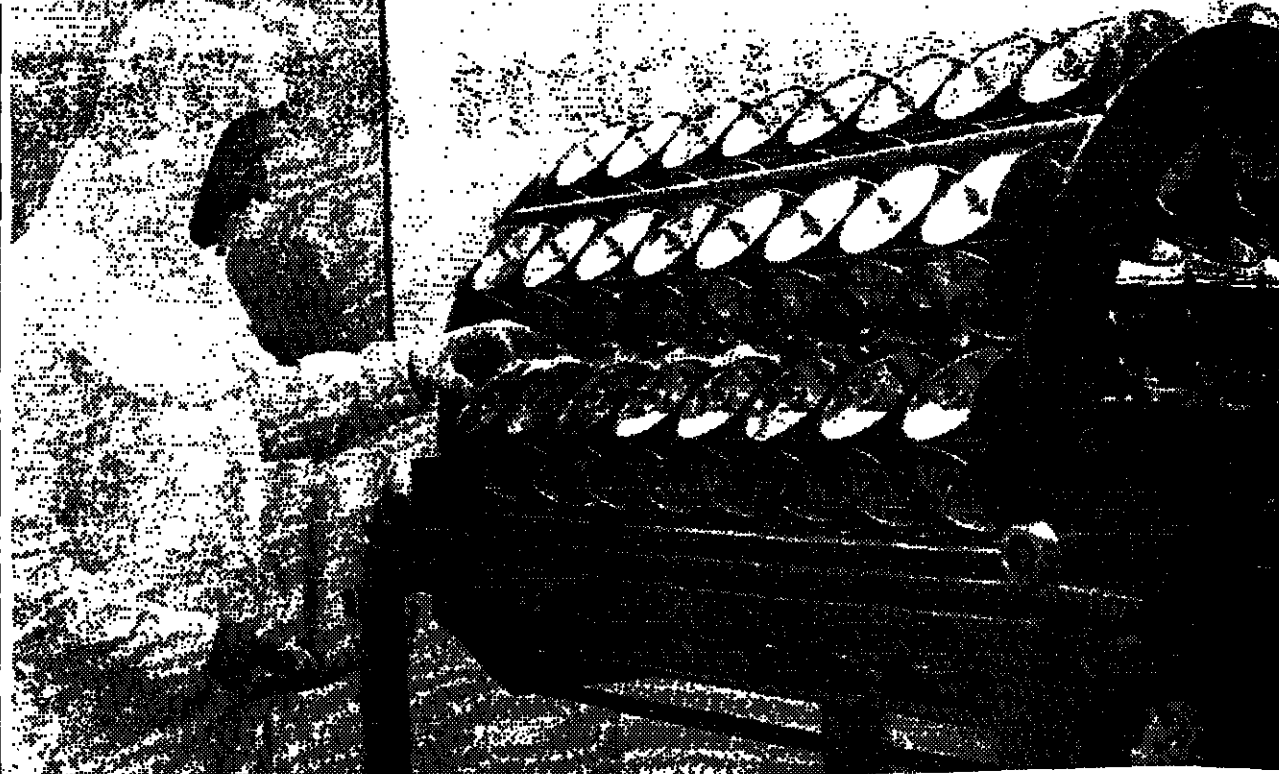
possibilities, such as hygiene products, nappies and various types of packaging, as well as slow-release drug capsules.

ICI, through its research, is the world leader in biopolymer development. Early studies on the biocompatibility of Biopol (the trade name) have established it to be as good as inert metals such as platinum.

It means that in applications such as ligature clips and staples biopolymers will score over metal parts because there is no need for secondary surgery. While metal clips have to be removed, biopolymer clips will eventually be absorbed through hydrolysis.

In Germany, Hoechst has patented the use of PHB as a matrix for a peptide junior growth hormone, the sort of application that can be applied to many other drugs. The drug is incorporated into a PHB pill which is planted just under the skin. Hydrolytic action causes the drug to release slowly over a long period.

Such implantations in humans have yet to be given approval - something which may take years - but its application in animals is now far advanced and it is felt that such a device would be particularly useful for treating cattle and sheep against worms.



Production of compact discs at Cwmbran by Nimbus, a company which early on spotted a market gap

CD changes the outlook

The development of the compact disc is a 1980s phenomenon. Not only has it revolutionized the music recording industry, it has led to great advances in plastics technology. The compact disc - more correctly the optical storage disc - has applications beyond the recording industry. Outside the consumer electronics field there are ROM (read only memory) discs for the computer industry and DRAW (direct read after write) discs, which enable the user himself to record the signal.

But it is the polycarbonate compact disc which has caught the imagination as it has inched its way to capture a large slice of the PVC long-playing record market. Not that there will be a complete takeover. Within the plastic industry there is a general recognition that the day of the familiar and trusty LP is not completely over, although its dominance in the world of recorded music will be overtaken in the next two or three years.

The estimates are that CDs will eventually settle down to 45 per cent of the total units in the LP market, which includes cassettes as well as records, and that there will always be a continuing demand for record singles, which will hold about 35 per cent of the music market.

Even CDs will have to look over their shoulder with the recent introduction of the Japanese sound recording medium, DAT (digital audio technology), a development that caused a flurry of excitement and speculation and led to

manufacturers to rush to defend the long-term viability of the compact disc.

Compact producers, such as Britain's privately owned Nimbus, are convinced that DAT will make only a minor impression on the market and that CD is unassailable. Nimbus is the largest CD producer in the UK, with a capacity of 25 million units and second only to Polygram in Europe. Originally just a Birmingham-based recording outfit, it began making LPs in 1977 and set up its first CD facility in 1984 at its new Monmouth base.

The company approached the new technology with all the confidence of a company that can tell a great market opportunity when it sees it, and by 1986 was pressing its last LP. At about the same time, it was opening a second CD plant at Cwmbran a few miles from the first, designed to more than double its original capacity.

It has built up its reputation through its own expertise. It eventually won a Queen's Award for its laser mastering system developed by Dr Jonathan Halliday, the technique by which sound is converted into "pits" on the CD. All discs produced at its plant start life with this system, although many other companies use systems developed by Philips and Sony.

Though there have been recent reports that CDs are suffering a sales downturn, this is being treated as a sign that supply is at last equal to demand and not indicative of chronic over-capacity.

The record industry has always had a seasonal variation, with maximum demand between September and December and February and May.

Gerald Reynolds, technical director of Nimbus, has been quoted as saying: "The CD industry is now assuming the normal seasonal pattern. Last year it was insulated from this trend because there was such a shortage of supply."

Mr Reynolds suggests that recent predictions have over-stated worldwide capacity. He estimates this to be fewer than 400 million discs this year, while sales are expected to be well over 300 million.

The disparity between the two figures is explained by factors such as stockpiling and very high reject rates involved in manufacture.

That there is buoyancy in the market is best suggested by the fact that Nimbus has invested £15 million in CD production over its three years of involvement in the process and plans to invest another £12 million over the next two years.

When the company started CD production in 1983 it had a turnover of £0.6 million, by last year it had reached £10 million and this year it is expected to be £23 million.

Another indication of confidence is that Britain shipped more than eight million blank polycarbonate discs last year and the forecast for European consumption of CD polycarbonate is expected to rise from 4,000 to 8,000 tonnes.

In place of old metal

Plastics are playing an increasing part in rolling back the frontiers of technology in the engineering and electrical industries, often replacing metal in the high-tech applications.

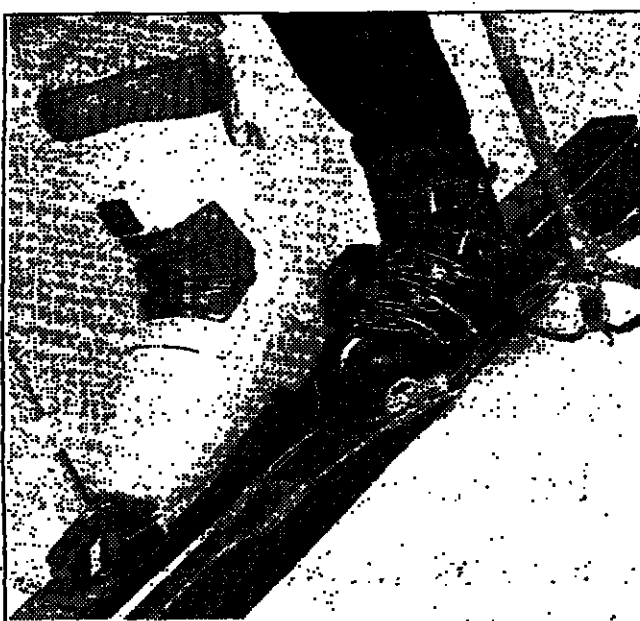
Metal-replacement is seen as a large and challenging market and plastics have only just begun to make inroads. But reckoning out there is an estimated growth area: about seven per cent annually in the replacement of die-cast metals, about eight per cent in replacing sheet metal, and 25 to 30 per cent in replacement of load and stress bearing metal parts.

It has helped bring about the emergence of specialist polycarbonates and thermoplastics, acetal polymers, phenolics, polyester resins and other plastics, many of them engineered, which are building up reputations for their toughness, flexibility, good wear resistance and even conductivity.

"Engineering" plastics are not always easy to define because today's trend is to modify, blend and even "alloy" existing plastics to produce entirely new materials, with a range of properties all their own.

But their use is growing throughout the automotive industry, in construction, in aerospace and electronics. The development of more sophisticated electronics items, for instance, has opened up new opportunities for makers of printed circuit boards with the industry poised to make a great leap forward to the new thermoplastics board.

The use of plastic components in the electronics, telecommunications and automotive industries are already making their impact in the worldwide sale of plastics. The electronic sector alone, accounted for sales of more than £154 million last year and in the automotive sector sales topped £177 million. All told, it is estimated that the manufacture of plastic compo-



These boots are made for skiing; the new impact-resistant plastic model compared with the traditional boot

nents for use in other industries accounted for sales of nearly £600 million.

Over the last few years, the "natural" applications for plastics in automobiles (interior fittings, cushioning and upholstery, trim, tail lights, and electrical components) is considered to have become saturated. But the plastic industry sees spectacular growth

in the future in the use of plastics for bodywork and for some mechanical components.

Already in Europe, North America and Japan, there is widespread use of plastics for front and rear bumpers with the use of specialized polyester, polyurethane and injection-moulded polypropylene. Other materials, particularly

filled and modified polyamides, are emerging as contenders. In the view of the plastics industry, all of these materials and technologies will probably find their place, depending on production and market requirements for the auto model in question.

Plastic manufacturers also predict bonnet and boot lids in plastics and possibly front wings. Inside the car there will be other key developments, with almost a complete switch-over in the next few years to plastic fuel tanks. They are already installed in some new cars, saving both weight and cost. They are safer in an accident: plastic tanks would not lead to the tank exploding in a fire because they would melt in the heat and the fuel would seep.

And with the development of "engineering" and compound plastics, seat frames and a number of mechanical parts could be made of the materials, including possibly parts of the engine block. Ironically, the move to electronics in the car will produce a decrease in plastics in this sector, in volume terms, but the value of those used will be higher.

In recent years improvements in the performance of advanced thermoplastics have brought near a development which has long been accepted as theory: the use of these materials in moulded form, enabling peripheral components and frame assemblies to be moulded in, rather than added later.

An ultimate scenario has already been painted: three-dimensional boards moulded with the circuitry running over the complex shape required by the design of the unit to be served. The potential is seen as so great that leading engineering polymer producers such as Du Pont, ICI, General Electric Plastics and Amoco are carrying out huge research and development projects, convinced it will represent substantial resin sales in the future.

A worldwide survey of the potential, produced by the International Chem Systems consultancy, concluded that the key markets were automotive, telecommunications and computers, the main criteria being the ability to mass produce with fast output.

How high is high-tec?

The plastic industry's future is geared to the development of high-tec - but how "high"? It is one of those imponderables for which an answer can never be given because technology has its own impetus and industry its own imperatives to keep pace with progress.

But already the industry is living in a world of databases, robotics, advanced computerized technology, with computer-aided design, computer-aided engineering, to name two systems, providing new learning curves, not to say new language barriers, for plastic processors and mouldmakers.

Some of the latest technology, involving sophisticated systems of computerized information and control linked to advanced moulding equipment are among the displays

at Interplas '87, in a unique exhibition - the High-Tech Learning Centre.

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Some 55 companies will be offering visitors the opportunity to experience the very latest developments in computer-aided design and manufacturing, materials selection, quality control and testing.

Housing 25 working examples on show for the first time - the centre points some way into the future in the development of the plastic industry.

There will be the latest in plastics technologies, such as visual display unit simulation, computer-based selection of materials and the production of prototype mouldings without a single drawing.

An injection moulding machine, powered completely by electricity, will demonstrate its potential for precision, low noise and clinically clean operation. There will be the latest CD machine with automatic robotics and automatic sizing.

Other areas of advanced technology covered include on-line quality control, film thickness measurement, radiation systems, mould design systems, tensile testing, machine and computer control. There is one exhibit which will demonstrate that hot foiled holograms are the natural bedfellows of plastics moulding.

The centre itself is built from high performance engineering materials developed specifically to meet the future needs of the construction industry.

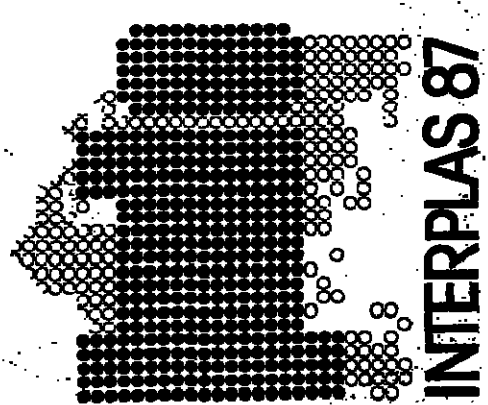
Industrial Fairs, the organizers of Interplas '87, believed the time was ripe for visitors to look and learn as well as be faced with normal salesmanship. Those displaying in the centre will not be able to use sales brochures.

Fred Cook, manager of the centre, says: "We decided to place within the grasp of the visitor in one completely dedicated area, an idea of what was going on in the industry just outside the perimeter fence of their own interest."

For the whole of the exhibition Interplas '87 will have more than 1,000 exhibiting companies - representing machinery manufacture, materials production and processing operations - drawn from 28 countries.

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Top designers have turned to the garden for inspiration – and knitwear may never be the same again

Among the wilder fandangos of colourful, folksy ruffles whipped up for the fashionable to wear this winter, the simplest and prettiest clothes are the new, richly patterned, flowery sweaters.

Old-fashioned roses clamber around the welted neckbands; leaves intertwine among the trellis of plain and purl; tiny buds nestle in the moss stitch. As an added refinement, embroidery provides a crisp, three-dimensional effect.

In a different mood, and another price range, mass-produced knitwear is simply printed with flowers. March into any Benetton shop and you can bury your nose in a bouquet of mimosa, roses, lilies and camellias stamped on soft pastel lambswool jumpers and ribbon-banded cardigans, which can be matched to pastel knitted skirts, trousers, or leggings.

Different cultures provide different points of reference for a designer's interpretation of the romantic mood in fashion. Both Byblos and Monsoon work alpine flowers, the traditional decoration of the Tyrolean jersey, into their knitwear.

Edina Ronay dipped into her own Hungarian heritage. On a visit to Budapest with her mother this summer, she found inspiration in a book of traditional Magyar embroideries for her distinctive tailored Venetian jackets. A Hungarian national dress picked up in a local market sparked her dirndls in scarlet or black silk dupion.

Caroline Charles collaborated with the textile designer Susan Collier to create gypsy bunches of country flowers tied up with ribbon for prints on black wool challis.

These bright Romany bouquets, worked in chunky wool in exuberant colours, are central to her range of hand-knitted jerseys and cardigans: "It's time to open the dressing-up box, and introduce a splash of colour and folksy flowers into our lives again."



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Stars on Sunday

Winter is officially here. Jasper Conran was back in long trousers when he picked up his award on Sunday at New York's Fashion Group's fourth annual Night of Stars at the Waldorf Astoria. Conran escorted that other current star of Manhattan, the nightclub owner Neil Campbell, who wore his swatches of green chiffon.

Christian Lacroix held court with his silver-haired model Marie Seznick. Lagerfeld escorted Marpessa, and Issey Miyake partnered Tina Chow.

The other British designer honoured, Zandra Rhodes, was in Australia. She sent an elegant ambassador to pick up her award: Evangeline Brute, widow of the former US ambassador to London, David Brute.

Just in case the burghers of Cologne feel that the Princess of Wales is not able to provide a comprehensive parade of British fashion during the state visit to Germany this week, the British Knitting & Clothing Export Council stage their own gals show at the Wallraf-Richartz Museum today. Britain's top fashion exporters such as Laura Ashley, Aquascutum, Barberry and Jager star in the show, along with many of the Princess's favourite designers, Jacques Azagury, Arabella Pollen, Caroline Charles and David Sassoon of Bellville Sassoon.

Trunk calls

The Trunk Show, a familiar fashion phenomenon in the United States, reaches London this week. A collection is packed up and the Great Designer, plus entourage, takes off to meet the customers in out-of-town stores. New York design stars like Bill Blass and Oscar de la Renta do it all the time.

Emanuel Ungaro's trunk has been packed and his new collection is on view in his shop at 39 Sloane Street in London from today until Thursday. Unfortunately, Ungaro himself could not make the trip, but his elegant deputy Marie-Pierre Bachelet will be on hand. And Serge Lepage, the French couturier, is in London with his trunk and his favourite model Corinne. The first informal showing in London of a Parisian haute couture collection is being held today and tomorrow in a chic drawing room of Florence, Viscountess Hardinge's Holland Park house.

Shoes with real polish

If the shoe fits... chances are it is hand-made and incredibly comfortable

Is it the sleek fit of well-curried calf to foot that gives them their undoubted appeal? Is it that extra spit and polish applied to nurture such an out and out extravagance? Or could it simply be the comfort radiating from the wearer's face? Once experienced, the sheer pleasure of wearing hand-made shoes is never given up.

"When I walk down the street, I can spot instantly the person who is wearing hand-made shoes," says Oliver Sweeney, recently installed as managing director of McAfee, the firm of gentlemen's shoemakers founded in 1948 by John McAfee and still based in London's Cork Street.

Sweeney introduced a new range of six classic styles for women at the opening of a new McAfee shop at 35 Brompton Road, Knightsbridge, last week. The brogues, loafers and jodhpur boots—in black, tan, navy, black/tan and navy/white, are made in Northampton in a factory upgraded by Sweeney to reproduce the 130 to 150 different processes that it takes to make a quality shoe.

Prices run from £89 up to £130 for a pair of ankle boots,

made from properly curried calf on an elegant last, the uppers using three layers of leather, the soles welded for protection against rain and providing proper arch and heel support.

Customers already hooked on the comfort of wearing shoes hand-made to a beechwood last carved to the exact shape of their feet include David Hockney, Sir Alec Guinness and a handful of Royals. Bespoke prices run from £500 to £600 "and are worth every penny", Sweeney says. McAfee branches are also at 46 Curzon Street, Old Bond Street W1, Lime Street EC3 and 73 Knightsbridge.

The Queen's shoemakers, the H. and M. Rayne family firm, headed by Edward Rayne for 48 years, is also stepping out under new ownership. David Graham is offering more widely a service hitherto available only to the Queen or the Queen Mother.

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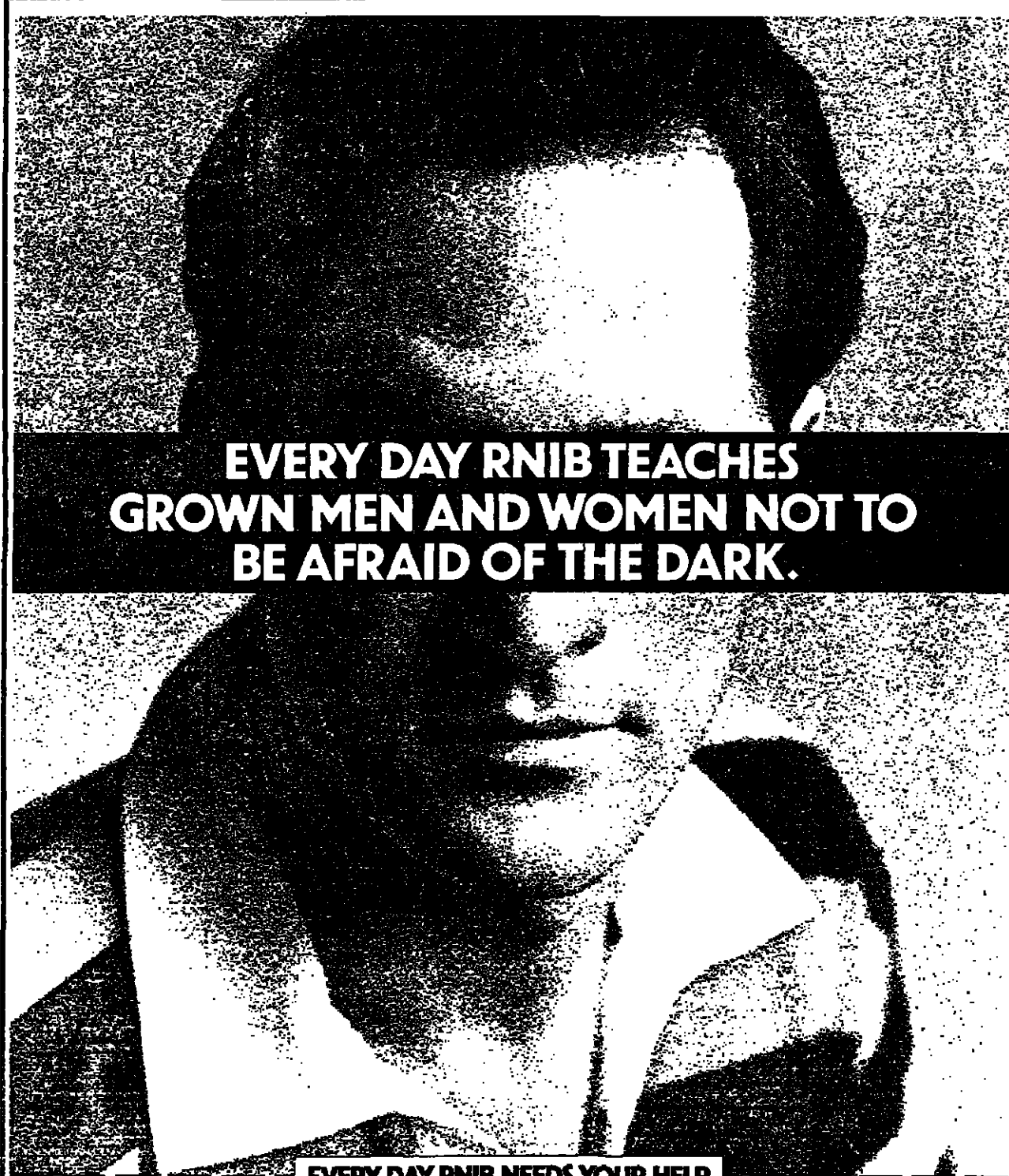
Hand-made: shoemaker Ted Larson, of McAfee, at his craft

with a rhinestone clip or a silk rosette at extra cost and comes with your name written inside. Prices run from £109 and delivery is two to four weeks. The service is available at Rayne, 57 Brompton Road, SW3; Harvey Nichols, Paris. After 25 years with Charles Jourdan, where she was managing director UK since 1972,

Jennifer Loss has launched her own brand with partners Luc Pouyer and designer Bernard Didelle. Luc Berjen, the less-than-foot-tapping title resulting from a combination of their three names, is a collection of medium-priced shoes (£45 to £75) designed in France, made in Italy, and available here for Spring.

Far left: Rose-patterned jersey, handknitted in black and cream, £155, Martin Kidman for Joseph Tricot, 268 Brompton Road, SW3. Black ribbon lace skirt, £294, Whistles, 12-14 St Christopher's Place, W1; selected branches. Suede shoes, £39, Basics from The Plaza, W1. Centre: Handknitted cream chunky cardigan, horn-buttoned, £300, Edina Ronay, 141 Kings Road, SW3; Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1. Knitted skirt, £54, Tina Shaw at Whistles. Above: Bobble-patterned handknitted sweater, embroidered with alpine flowers, £175, claret and assorted colours, Edina Ronay. Gunmetal rosebud earrings, £7.95, Harvey Nichols. Hair: Debbie Horgan for Daniel Galvin. Make-up: Diane Kendal. Photographs: NATHALIE LAMORAL.

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THEATRE LONDON

★ **APART FROM GEORGE**: Nick Ward's Farland, acclaimed at Edinburgh. Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, London SW1 (01-730 2554). Tube: Sloane Square. Previews tonight and tomorrow 8-9.30pm. First night Nov 5, 8-9.30pm. Then Mon-Sat 8-9.30pm, mat Sat 4-5.30pm, £4-25.

★ **BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT**: Frank Finlay, Wendy Craig and others in Jeffrey Archer courtroom drama. Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue W1 (01-734 1166). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mat Sat 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £2-15.50.

★ **BLUES IN THE NIGHT**: Return of hit blues show. Carol Woods, Debby Bishop, Maria Friedman and Peter Straker sing their hearts out in a steamy Chicago hotel. Piccadilly Theatre, Denham Street, W1 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri-Sat 8.30-9.30pm and 9-11pm, £5.50-£14.50.

★ **A COLLIER'S FRIDAY NIGHT**: Anneke Crossley, Alfred Lynch, Claire Hackett in D. H. Lawrence's warm, sensually detailed play. Greenwhich Theatre, Crooms Hill SE10 (01-858 7755). Station: Greenwhich. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, £9-10.

★ **CONVERSATIONS ON A HOMECOMING**: The excellent David Theatre Company from Galway on their international tour with Tom Murphy's season play. Denham Warehouse, 41 Euston Street WC2 (01-240 8230). Tube: Leicester Square/Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 8.30pm, mat Sat 5.45pm, £5-21.50. Crosses Nov 7, 10.

★ **FOLLIES**: Sondheim's musical, in London at last, has Diane Riggs and Julie McKenzie lending a starry cast. Shaftesbury Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (01-379 5393). Tube: Holborn/Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat 8.15-10.15pm, mat Sat 3-5.45pm, £5-21.50. Crosses Nov 7, 10.

★ **GROUCHO: A LIFE IN REVIEW**: Frank Fennell in musical entertainment about the man with the cork moustache. Comedy Theatre, Portico Street SW1 (01-630 2410). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10.10pm, mat Sat 5.30-7.10pm, £4-12.50. (D)

★ **THE HYPOCHONDRIAC**: Tom Courtenay heads Moliere's classic comedy, directed by Nancy Meckler. Lyric Theatre, King Street W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mat Sat 2.30pm and Sat 4pm, £5-£10. (D)

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★ **IT'S A GIRL**: Bush Theatre reopens after its fire with John Burrows's extraordinary all-woman musical show on pregnancy and life. Theatre Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (01-743 3388). Tube: Shepherd's Bush. Tues-Sun 8pm, £5.

★ **LETITIA AND LOVAGE**: Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyacke wage epic war against the modern world in Peter Shaffer's new comedy. Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm, £7.50-£14.50.

★ **A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS**: Charlton Heston takes over the role of Sir Thomas More in the strongly cast transfer from Chichester. Swan Theatre, Strand WC2 (01-836 8888). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, mat 2.30-5.15pm, £5-£14.50. (D)

★ **THE SISTERHOOD**: Janet Henfrey and Celia Swift lead a strong cast in Moliere's satire on the world of the bourgeoisie. Theatre 7, 27 New End, Hampstead. Open tonight, Tues-Sun 8pm, late night Sat 10pm, £2-20pm.

★ **TEWODROS**: Power struggles in 16th century Ethiopia. Black Theatre, Great Newport Street, London WC2 (01-836 2132). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 8pm, £4-25.

★ **THE THOUSAND CHERRIES OF YOSHITSUNE**: Six performances from the Kabuki Theatre Company of the classic Kabuki play, telling of clan warfare in medieval Japan. Theatre 7, 27 New End, Hampstead. Open tonight, Tues-Sun 8pm, late night Sat 10pm, £2-20pm.

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- (3) Whenever You Need Somebody... Rick Astley, RCA
- (4) Love in the First Degree... Bananarama, London
- (5) China in Your Hand... T.P. Sweeney, Virgin
- (6) Little Lies... Fleetwood Mac, Warner Brothers
- (7) I Got My Mind Set On You... George Harrison, Dark Horse
- (8) Money Money... Billy Idol, Chrysalis
- (9) Crockett's Theme... Jan Hammer, MCA
- (10) Walk the Dinosaur... Was (Not Was), Fontana

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

- (1) Tango in the Night... Fleetwood Mac, Warner Brothers
- (2) Bridge of Spies... T.P. Sweeney, Virgin
- (3) The Best of UB40... UB40, Virgin
- (4) Crazy Crazy Crazy... Kiss, Vertigo
- (5) Nothing Like the Sun... Sting, A & M
- (6) Best Shots... Christians, Island
- (7) E.S.P... Bee Gees, Warner Brothers
- (8) Mainstream... Lloyd Cole & The Commotions, Polydor
- (9) The Singles... Pretenders, WEA
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OUT OF TOWN

BRACKNELL: ★ **Neat**: Touring production by Shared Experience of Zola's strong tale of a powerful French courtesan. White Theatre, South Hill Park Arts Centre (044 484123). Tue-Sat 7.30pm, £4.20-£5.50.

BRIDLEWELL: ★ **Comedy of Errors**: Excellent RSC touring company includes Philip Frank, Maggie Stead, Richard O'Callaghan and Bob Goodie. Spa Theatre, South Marine Drive (0292 678255). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £5.

POOLE: ★ **A Month in the Country**: Cambridge Theatre Company's tour of Turgenev's eternal triangle: mother and daughter the rivals in love for the handsome young tutor. Towngate Theatre, Kingsland Road (0202 685222). Tue-Sat 7.45pm, mat Sat 4pm, £4.60-£5.80.

FILMS

Also on national release
★ **Advance booking possible**

★ **ANGEL HEART** (18): Mickey Rourke's down-and-out detective pursues a missing person to the underworld of New Orleans. Pulp stuff, directed by Alan Parker in steam-bang style (113 min). Cannon Cinema (01-352 5095). Progs 2.05, 5.50, 8.40.

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★ **THE RESCUERS** (U): 1977 Walt Disney animated feature - not, perhaps, among the best from the studio, but still very much of the contemporary animation. (77 min). Cannon Cinema (01-352 5095). Progs 2.05, 5.50, 8.40.

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OPERA

★ **THE PEARL FISHERS**: Anthony Michaels-Moore now takes over the role of Zurga, and Noel Davies conducts Philip Prowse's elegant production. English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-533 3161). 7.30-10.20pm, £2-22.50.

★ **COSI FAN TUTTE**: Glyndebourne Touring Opera offer the last chances to see Peter Hall's perceptive original production, now staged by Stephen Lawless. Haymarket Theatre, Southampton (0703 229771). 7-10pm, £5-£18.

★ **MAGIC FLUTE**: Kent Opera's handsome production now on tour, with Andrew Shore as an irresistible Papageno. DeMonte, Northampton (0604 248171). 7-10.15pm, £3.50-£13.

★ **MACBETH**: Ian Judge's stark, expressive production for the Scottish Opera with James Macdonald as Macbeth, and Christine Eide as Lady Macbeth. Palace Theatre, Manchester (061 235 9922). 7.15-10.15pm, £4-£17.50.

★ **AIDA**: Gilbert Delfo's controversial new production for Scottish Opera with James Macdonald in the title role. His Majesty's Theatre, Aberdeen (0224 641122). 7.15-10.30pm, £5-£15.

★ **DIE FLEDERMAUS**: Welsh National Opera's entertaining 1920s style production with Susanna Murphy as Rosalinde. Theatre Cymru, Cardiff (0352 55114). 7.15-10.15pm, £3-£22.

★ **THE SETTECOTE**: Tiepolo, Guardi and Banti feature in this revised show of Italian paintings. Tate Gallery, Millbank, London W1 (01-821 1313). Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm, free, until Dec 3.

★ **TURNER AND THE CHANNEL**: The new Core Gallery's first theme show. Tate Gallery, Millbank, London W1 (01-821 1313). Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm, free, until Dec 27.

★ **CERYL HAMER**: Paintings and drawings by an artist-in-residence at a hospital for children. Laing Art Gallery, Highgate Place, Leeds LS2 (01-434 2488). Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-4.40pm, Sun 2-5.30pm, free, until Dec 3.

★ **PETER LANYON**: Paintings 1952-1964 by the Cornish painter who made an important contribution to the British landscape tradition. Gimpel Fils, 30 Davies Street, London W1 (01-493 2488). Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, free, until Nov 21.

★ **THE TERRIBLE YEAR - 1937**: A small display of work commemorating the 50th anniversary of Hitler's infamous *Entartete Kunst* (Degenerate Art) exhibition. Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Belford Road, Edinburgh (031 556 8821). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Dec 6.

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CONCERTS

★ **DEBUSSY**: Alain Brower (piano) and Jennifer Stanton (flute) play Debussy's *Sonata for Flute, Viola and Harp*, and *Belle Lorraine*. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SW1 (01-928 3191, 01-928 8800). 7.30pm, £2-£14.

★ **BEETHOVEN CONTINUES**: The cycle of Beethoven's complete string quartets given by the Melos Ensemble of Stuttgart continues with Op 18 No 3 and the heavyweight Op 132. Wigmore Hall, 26 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-535 2141). 7.30pm, £2-£7.50.

★ **BEETHOVEN WINDS**: Edith Fischer ends her Beethoven piano sonata series with Op 10 No 3, 27 No 2 and 111. St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1081). 7.30pm, £2-£5.

★ **JET WHISTLE**: Villa-Lobos's *The Jet Whistle* receives another performance, this time from Evelyn Frank (flute), Gillian Thorne (cello) and Mark Troop (piano), with support from Peter Haydon, Martin and Pierre.

★ **MARK MURPHY**: See caption. Bass Clef, 35 Cornet Street, London N1 (01-297 2476). 8.45pm, £4.50.

★ **HUMPHREY LYTELTON**: Still one of the country's most popular vocalists, he is in the Bull's Head, Lonsdale Road, London SW13 (01-876 5241). 8.30pm, £3.50.

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BBC1

- 6.00 *Cee-fax*. 6.35 *Leon Errol* in *Sweet Cheat* (by). 6.55 *Weather*.
7.00 *Breakfast*. Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25. Regional news and weather at 8.55.
9.00 *News* and weather followed by *Neighbours* (r).
9.20 *CBI Conference 1987*. Live coverage from Glasgow includes the address by the Confederation of British Industry's president-elect, Sir Trevor Holdsworth. Commentators are Nick Clarke and James Long. Includes news and weather at 10.00.
10.25 *Children's BBC*. Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by *School and King Rella* (r).
10.55 *Five to Eleven* with the pupils of Strand on the Green Junior School.
11.00 *News* and weather followed by *CBI Conference 1987*. Final session includes a debate on City and Industry, plus the closing address from Sir David Nickolson. The CBI's current president, includes news and weather at 12.00.
12.30 *Daytime Live*. Magazine programme presented by Pamela Armstrong, Alan Titchmarsh and Rose Davidson. Guests are singer David Grant and writer Alice King. Plus Floella Benjamin with advice for young mothers. 12.55 Regional news and weather.
1.00 *One O'Clock News* with Michael Barker. 1.30 *Neighbours*. 1.50 *Going for Gold*. European general knowledge quiz presented by Henry Kelly.
2.15 *Knots Landing*. Abby hears some interesting news; and Diana and Karen clash.

BBC2

- 9.00 *Cee-fax*. 9.30 *Going for Gold* (r). 9.52 *Daytime on Two*. Art that reflects a community's atmosphere. 10.15 Part 6 of a ghost story for 7 to 9-year olds. 10.28 *Measurement in science*. 11.00 *Puppets*. 11.18 *Wormholes*. 11.35 *Mathematical investigations*. 12.00 *Statistics*. 12.30 *Taxidie*. 12.50 *Micro Film 2*. 1.30 *Check-a-Block* with Fred Harris (r). 1.35 *Communications*.
2.00 *News* and weather, followed by *You and Me* (r).
2.15 *Championship Bowls*. Coverage of the start of the second round of the UK indoor Singles Bowls Championship from Preston. Introduced by David Icke with commentators David Rhys Jones and Jimmy Davidson. Includes news and weather at 3.00 and 3.55.
3.30 *Film 87* (r).
6.00 *No Limits*. Rock music show presented by Jenny Powell and Tony Baker.
7.00 *Open to Question*. David Montgomery, former *News of the World* editor, now editing

Today, puts forward his views of tabloid journalism to a audience of young people.
7.35 *Rockschool*. Series on making music in a modern rock band examines synth pop and how to sing. With rare concert footage of James Brown.
8.00 *Food and Drink*. How to make a perfect cup of coffee; and recipes for autumn fruits.
8.30 *Brass Tactics*. Róisín McAuley reports on the extraordinary mistakes that cause 70 per cent of road accidents in Britain.
9.00 *Entertainment USA*. In the first of the new series Jonathan King visits the most remote city of America - Anchorage.
9.30 *Footlights*. The Wonders of Elton. David Drew traces the journey of John Seely, a young army officer who in 1810 crossed western India on horseback to visit the spectacular rock-out temples of Elton (Cee-fax).
10.25 *Sing Country*. Jerry Lee Lewis's Wembley concert.
10.50 *Newsnight* with Peter Snow, David MacCormick and Adam Raphael.
11.35 *Weather*.

ITV/LONDON

- 6.00 *TV-am* introduced by Kay Burley and Mike Morris.
7.00 *Good Morning Britain* presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. Includes news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. After Nine includes a dream come true for a spine bifida victim.
9.25 *Times News Headlines*.
9.30 *Runway*. Travel quiz with Chris Serle.
10.00 *Santa Barbara*. American soap series. 10.25 *News Headlines*.
10.30 *The Time ... The Place*. Mike Scott discusses fitness with comedian Lenny Bennett, former Olympic medalist Donna Hartley and Mr Universe.
11.10 *Rainbow*. 11.25 *Times News Headlines*.
11.30 *About Britain*. The work of artist John Hamilton who has spent 12 years researching every World War Two naval battle.
12.00 *Jimmy's*. Another visit to St James's University Hospital, Leeds.
12.30 *News*. 12.50 *Times News*.
1.00 *Reilly - Ace of Spies*. Reilly's former is overthrow Lanki go wrong; and in Petrograd the Chka storm the British Embassy (r) (Cee-fax).
2.00 *Game show* presented by Tom O'Connor. With guests Nerys Hughes and Richard Silcock.
2.30 *Jackie Robinson Meets ...* David Sullivan, publisher of *Sunday Sport*, who made his fortune with girls' magazines and sex shops.
3.00 *Reverend*. Mary Parkinson talks to actress, singer and former Princess of Punk, Toyah Wilcox.
3.25 *Times News Headlines*.
3.30 *The Young Doctors*.
4.00 *Children's ITV* presented by Gary Terzza and Debbie Shore. 4.15 *The Adventures of Tintin*. 4.25 *Emu's New World*. Chaos and comedy with Rod Hull and Emu. 5.15 *Blockbusters*.

CHANNEL 4

- 9.30 *Schools*.
12.00 *Business Daily*. Business and financial news service presented by Susanah Simons.
12.30 *4 in 4*. For the very young. 1.00 *Autocare*. Today's edition examines design evolution, discovers how the internal combustion engine works and how to build a fit car (Cee-fax).
1.30 *Make It Count* (Cee-fax).
2.00 *Their Landlady's House* (r).
2.15 *Film: Peak Up Your Troubles*. Directed by Richard Dooling. This week some elderly West Indians go back to their roots for the first time since emigrating to England.
4.30 *Countryside*. Bale Appoduo is the challenge of Russell Hartley in Dictionary Corner.
5.00 *Bevitched*.
5.30 *Kids Kafe*. Recipes cooked by children for children.
6.00 *Piccadilly*. Tradition and change. First of three programmes about the art of quilting features Pauline Burdige.
6.30 *CBI Conference*. Reports on the day's debates from Glasgow.
7.00 *Comment* (Cee-fax).
7.50 *Comment*. Another personal view, followed by *Weather*.
8.00 *Brookside*. There are fireworks in the Marseilles cul-de-sac (1939) (by).
8.30 *What Is It Worth* reports on Alzheimer's Disease, the main cause of senile dementia.
9.00 *Apartments*. Divisions. Third in a four-part documentary series, tracing the history of apartheid in South Africa.
10.00 *American Football*. Highlights of this week's games.
11.15 *100 Years of the Royal Variety*. Highlights from the Royal Variety Comedy Festival include Henry Youngman and Steven Wright.
11.45 *Reggie*. American version of the Reginald Perrin comedy series with Les Dawson.
12.15 *Their Landlady's House*. Ends at 12.30.

Likely lad of Brixton



Lenny Henry as pirate radio disc jockey Delbert Wilkins in the Lenny Henry Show: on BBC1, 8.30pm

TELEVISION CHOICE

● Lenny Henry reminds us how few black entertainers in this country get even remotely close to the mainstream (Charlie Williams, Kenny Lynch) compared with America where Bill Cosby is the highest-paid person in show business, followed not too far behind by Eddie Murphy. The Lenny Henry Show (BBC1, 8.30pm) develops one of the characters from Henry's stand-up routine, one Delbert Wilkins, Brixton's answer to a likely lad. Henry's decision to develop a sitcom is a calculated risk, given his talent for multiple impersonation, although a dramatic role in the recent BBC film *Coast to Coast* showed him capable of sustained acting. *Coast to Coast* was written by Stan Hey who has also written this series with his usual collaborator Andrew Nickolds (*Agency*, *Hold the Back Page*, *Blat*). Delbert Wilkins - majoring in cool but usually missing the mark - is a disc jockey for a pirate radio

station that operates from the back of a greasy kitchen shop (Henry was formerly a restaurant critic on *The Times*). Beneath an easy-going, joshing surface, the tone is sometimes quite sharp, with wit being displayed in particular towards any form of authority. Tonight's episode involves a consignment of lamb, possibly contaminated by nuclear waste. The strictly South London atmosphere makes the show a sort of companion piece to *Minder*, which also pokes fun at ersatz street credibility. As yet, it lacks Terry's and Arthur's double act (most of the best sitcom have one: Basil and Sybil, Steptoe and Son, the Likely Lads, etc.) although Delbert's hopeless assistant, Winston, (seen trying to install a payphone in Del's motor) looks as if he is being groomed for the role.

Chris Petit

Radio 1

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STOCK MARKETS

Settlement Day relief but prices slip

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Settlement Day on the stock market after the record collapse in share prices during the past fortnight passed off without incident yesterday.

Dealers were breathing a sigh of relief last night, although they admitted it could be another couple of days until cheques have been cashed before any possible defaulters emerge.

Prices were marked lower at the start of trading despite a firm overnight performance on financial markets in the Far East. Investors retreated to the sidelines, awaiting the Autumn Statement by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, at Mansion House tonight.

Despite the brief appearance of a few cheap buyers about lunchtime, the investors were content to let prices drift lower. But market-makers reported little selling pressure and claimed there was every chance that prices would begin a gradual recovery later this week as conditions settle down after the recent events.

The FT-SE 100 share index finished the day 26.1 lower at 1,723.7, having been 34.9 down earlier in the session. The lack of clear direction from Wall Street in resumed trading after the weekend also left the narrower FT 30 share index 18.2 lower at 1,342.7.

Some dealers were still expressing fears about the US

budget deficit and the American Administration's apparent lack of urgency in tackling the problem.

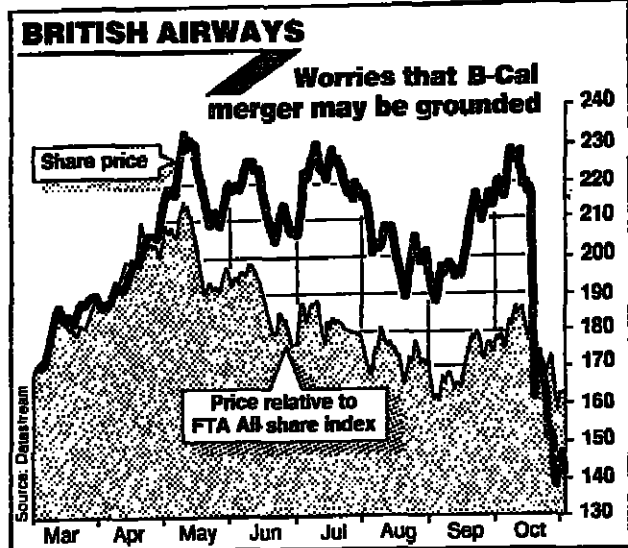
The dollar's continued weakness could cause problems for some of Britain's big dollar earners. There were falls among some of them yesterday although most managed to close above their worst levels. ICI lost 14p at £10.60, Jaguar 7p at 322p and Glaxo 18p at £11.45.

BP lost ground with the new shares losing 4p to 81p. On Friday, Goldman Sachs, the New York investment house and one of the main US underwriters for the issue, managed to dispose of at least half of its underwriting

● VPI Group, the corporate communications consultant, is another casualty of the market's collapse seeing its price halve to 258p in the past two weeks. Mr Reg Vallin, chairman, hopes to repair some of the damage today with a seminar for fund managers.

commitment at a price of 82p. Most of the shares were absorbed in London.

At one stage, the price touched 80p and was attracting the support of the income funds. They claim that at this level, the shares boast a gross return of 14½ per cent on the



first down payment after dividend payoff.

Government securities spent a subdued day, closing with losses of about 1½% on the day.

Private investors in British Airways continued to see their premium on the shares slowly whittled away yesterday with the price losing another 4p to 141p amid growing fears that its proposed merger with the privately-owned British Caledonian, Britain's second biggest airline, may be eventually grounded.

Reports over the weekend suggested that BCal is already looking round for other suitors just in case the proposed

merger with BA is blocked by the Government.

News of the proposed merger between the two airlines announced earlier this year ran into fierce criticism from other airline operators. It was then postponed for six months after the Government decided to look into the deal.

There are suggestions that BCal has already had talks with KLM, the Dutch airline, as well as lining up several other potential suitors.

BCal is reckoned to have made losses of almost £20 million in 1986/87 and is clearly anxious to find a stablemate.

BA came to the market at

125p in February with investors asked to make an initial payment of 65p a share. At the time, it was regarded as the most risky of the Government's privatization issues but was given a warm reception by an investing public that had already become used to sizeable premiums. After touching a peak of 239p in the summer, the price now stands just 16p above its fully-paid level. The final payment of 70p does not fall due until next August.

Fairway, a distributor of business and computer stationery to financial institutions, made an impressive debut on the Unlisted Securities Market.

Placed at 74p, through Capel-Cure Myers, the broker.

● BPB Industries, the plasterboard group, eased 2p to 283p despite reports that it has attracted interest from Boral, an Australian company, reckoned to have taken a 9 per cent stake in the shares. A spokesman for BPB said there was no substance to the rumours.

The shares opened at 75p and advanced steadily to close the session at 81p, for a premium of 7p.

Warrington, the building contractor formerly known as Thomas Warrington, jumped by 18p to 130p on speculative buying.

Dealers reckon the company's prospects look bright. Mr Grahame Jackson, the chairman and property developer who has been the mastermind behind the company's transformation over the past couple of years, is said to be on the verge of announcing another acquisition.

Shares of Tay Homes, the USM-listed house builder, rose 12p to 325p on further consideration of the recent excellent results that showed pretax profits 62 per cent higher at £3.02 million.

Reed International, the paper, packaging and publishing conglomerate, has been another casualty of the recent collapse with its price tumbling from the £6-level to about £4 in just a couple of days. It closed a further 7p down at 381p yesterday in quiet trading.

Reed's interim results are due tomorrow and brokers are expecting pretax profits to rise from £80 million to between £90 million and £95 million, putting the group on target for a full-year figure of £230 million.

Analysts at Morgan Grenfell Securities, the broker, say that most of the group's markets will have been buoyant in the first half of the year. In particular, publishing will have benefited from rising advertising expenditure in the US and Britain, especially in magazines.

TEMPUS

ABF caution may pay off

Poor Mr Garry Weston. Almost 20 years after Associated British Foods' last bid of any size, a few weeks' prematurity may jeopardize a deal that promised to lift earnings and revitalize ABF's image.

For some time, pressure had been growing on Mr Weston, the chairman and main shareholder, to spend the cash pile, which was earning an unsatisfactory return.

Attracted by the sweetness of its principal subsidiary, British Sugar, S&W Berisford made a suitable target. But the dramas of recent weeks have drawn the risks of Berisford's speculative activities to the fore.

Not surprisingly, ABF has deferred the EGM, hoping in three weeks to glean more information about its prey. It must then proceed or let the bid lapse.

Ironically, the only way to avoid a 12-month delay after a lapsed bid would be through a monopolies referral, which ABF has been fighting off.

But ABF may be wise to walk away from Berisford however well it fits, as there are plenty of other cut-price bargains around.

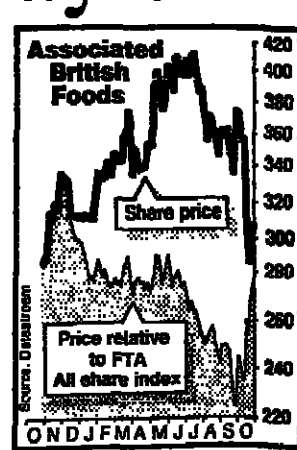
In the meantime, ABF continues to put in a steady trading performance. Price rises in milling and baking, accounting for the lion's share of profits, will provide six months' cover for the effects of this year's bad harvest.

The performance of the rest of the business was patchy, but good progress is being made by smaller new businesses.

For the full year, assuming no Berisford, ABF should make £210 million. The recent issue of shares and above-average tax charge will mean earnings will only mark time.

ABF needs something to get its teeth into unless it wishes to be written off as a serious investment choice. But markets may not settle down quickly enough to make the ultra-cautious ABF management take the plunge and go ahead with the Berisford deal regardless.

In this eventuality one can only hope that it will not be another 20 years before the next bid is launched.



Pict Petroleum

Since Pict Petroleum was formed more than 15 years ago, success has continuously eluded it. While many competing independent oil companies have become bigger fish, either through the art of making big finds, or by doing deals and making acquisitions, Pict remains a minnow.

Its market capitalization is just over £12 million making it easily one of the smallest independent players in the North Sea.

Snatched from the jaws of disaster by the agreement with the US company Amerasia Hess last February, Pict has been saved from the worst effects of the collapsed oil price by the cash injection which formed part of that deal.

Since then, it has discovered a small oil find close to its Rob Roy/Ivanhoe field called Waverly. A second well is currently being drilled into the structure to determine its commercial viability. It could contain around 70 million barrels, about half of which would be in Pict's block.

Normally, such a small find would be of only marginal economic interest, but its proximity to Rob Roy/Ivanhoe means that it could be developed fairly cheaply by subsea completion. Pict's interest in the block is 3.75 per cent.

The company is currently involved in two further wells, both in the southern gas sector of the North Sea, so this will help to provide some continuing interest.

The share price is approximately in line with Pict's asset value, and the board is directing its efforts to producing a positive cash flow

Coloroll retrenches

Strange that when prices come down, all the buyers disappear.

Coloroll clearly had active plans to continue its aggressive acquisition strategy, and had gone so far as to build up stakes in targets in the home furnishing business. The crash induced £4.7 million write off on these quoted investments at the interim stage is undoubtedly conservative, but Coloroll has decided the time has come to start drawing in its horns.

While not ruling out opportunistic purchases in Britain, the American adventure is now at an end, and Coloroll is determined to retrench. Its managers, having

less to do with acquisitions, will be getting down to brass tacks on the domestic front.

This means gingering up the organization at the grass roots level, although those familiar with the company's highly motivational style will be surprised if there is much to be done at this level. The objective is to focus on cash generation, "rinsing out" profits to the bottom line, and the reduction of gearing.

Home furnishing is a discretionary activity, so those forecasting a recession of the dimensions of the 1930s will want to avoid Coloroll's shares. Those who take courage from yesterday's steadier market could find the shares attractive at these levels.

Maxwell makes US acquisition

Mr Robert Maxwell's company, Maxwell Communication Corporation, yesterday said it had acquired Alco Gravure Inc, the US publishing group. Maxwell said it was paying cash for the company but did not disclose the amount.

Based in Rochelle Park, New Jersey, Alco operates six plants in the US and employs just over 1,000 people. It is a private company with annual sales of \$150 million (£87 million).

Alco prints newspapers, magazines and catalogues, and its customers include leading US retail chain stores and newspapers.

Maxwell Communication Corp Inc, Maxwell's North American offshoot, already operates 10 printing plants in the US.

Maxwell Communication said: "Alco is an excellent fit for Maxwell and perfectly complements our existing network of plants."

Bertam Holdings reports a turnover of £685,000 (£519,000) for the first half of this year. Pretax profit rose to £342,000 (£234,000). Earnings per share were 0.95p (0.78p).

El Oro Mining In the half-year to June 30, pretax profit of El Oro Mining & Exploration rose from £629,000 to £945,000. Earnings per share were 13.94p (9.06p). The board reports that an encouraging start has been made to the second half and, in the absence of any dramatic change in market conditions, it feels confident that full-year results will be satisfactory. The company still remains in a position of strength and hopes to maintain or increase the dividend for 1987, the board said.

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Hopkinsons' deal

Hopkinsons Holdings has completed its fifth acquisition this year — the takeover of Worthside Beer Pumps of Keighley, West Yorkshire. The consideration is 198,347 ordinary shares and £50,000 cash.

Stock split

International Corona Resources' board has approved a five-for-one split of its common shares. Corona has about 22.81 million common shares outstanding at present. The effect of the five-for-one split will be to increase the outstanding Corona common shares to about 114.06 million.

Stothert & Pitt

Stothert & Pitt proposes to cancel, subject to shareholders' approval and the confirmation of the court, all the issued 5 per cent preference shares of £1 each. In return for the cancellation the company proposes to pay 114.5p cash for each share.

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CONFEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

Banham says forget the crash and invest for growth

Mr John Banham, the director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, told the national conference in Glasgow yesterday that massive investment in manufacturing industry would only be possible on the scale required when interest rates were at competitive levels.

Recalling events in the City in the past few weeks, he said that every problem brought its opportunities and there was now a golden opportunity to reduce interest rates. This would be an important signal of confidence as Britain had sound economic fundamentals.

He felt that it would be easy for British business to talk itself into depression, but it had come through some tough times, so the latest squalls need hold few terrors. "Now is the time to look beyond the turbulence of the markets and invest for growth," he said.

Business must never forget that despite events of the last three weeks, the City had been doing a magnificent job in tough international market conditions. Last year, it earned more than £9 billion net in foreign exchange, a remarkable achievement.

He said: "Our problem has always been, and remains, the need to create more wealth

and this is where investment comes in. We must rebuild our manufacturing base."

Mr Banham criticized present high interest rates and pointed out that most companies would not even contemplate an investment that would take longer than four years to pay for itself. This, inevitably, was a recipe for short-termism. But companies had no alternative, given the present rates of interest.

"Despite all our recent improvements we have been locked into a cycle of relatively low investment, low productivity and low profitability. We must break out of this vicious circle and there is no alternative to investment," he said.

Mr Banham added that the Government must reform the public sector in its third term. Despite all the howls of anguish, public expenditure had gone on rising. What was needed was a public sector with a will to manage.

Over the next four years there was a great opportunity to reform the tax and benefit system, to ensure that the £2 billion-£3 billion a year of value improvements known to be available in local government are delivered. He said that private sector services like catering, cleaning and

security should be contracted out and business should ensure that it secures electricity costs that are internationally competitive.

The latter must be the objective of privatization of the electricity supply industry.

The resources were available as waste in the public sector alone was probably costing businesses more than £5 billion a year. But it still made no sense for business to look to the Government to solve all its problems.

"Too many of us are still paying out more in wages than we are getting back in performance," he said.

The director-general set out what he thought should be some of the CBI's targets over the next few years. He said that within the next five years he would like to see all 3,500 secondary schools in Britain equipped effectively with the local business community.

He wanted both the investment in training and the proportion of graduates going into industry and commerce doubled.

Mr Banham said that business should be playing the lead role in reviving inner cities and it should be properly priced to exploit the opportunity of the single European market.



Tough talking from, left, John Banham, director-general, and David Puttnam, film-maker

CODE OF CONDUCT

In search of better managers

A code of best practice is to be established, encouraging companies to improve management development.

The conference endorsed the proposal in a resolution, moved by Sir Edwin Nixon, chairman of IBM (UK), expressing concern that many manufacturing companies were having difficulties recruiting future leaders.

It called for CBI initiatives to encourage talented young people to take up careers in industry and considered that a code of best practice would ensure management development and training were taken more seriously.

Sir David Nickson, president of the CBI and chairman of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, said it was also considering setting up a management charter group comprising leading companies.

A code of practice would spur all companies to improve the quality of their management. Mr Robert Reid, of Shell UK, said the key to maintaining the momentum of industrial recovery was professional management. To secure this, management should become a recognized profession.

"This requires an architecture of education and development processes leading to a national, recognized qualification,"

ENVIRONMENT

Puttnam warns industrialists

Mr David Puttnam, the film producer and president of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, told the conference that industrialists would underestimate the pressure to clean up the environment "at your peril."

If the environment were not respected, he said, "I promise you it will bite back. Let us all acknowledge and welcome it — or we shall certainly be the losers."

Mr Puttnam, who had flown from Hollywood to address the conference on environmental investment, said: "You have a personal and a national interest in seeing that environmental safeguards are enforced evenly throughout the European community."

Mr Puttnam — producer of *Chariots of Fire* — attacked the Government over nuclear power. He said it was striking that the prospect of privatizing electricity, and introducing real competition to the supply of power, had hardly been greeted with overwhelming enthusiasm by nuclear industry leaders.

Two weeks ago, Lord Marshall of Goring, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, had owned up to the fact that nuclear power

in Britain had never, in its 30 years of use, been economic.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, had said that Britain possessed 500 years of stockpiled plutonium, said Mr Puttnam, while he continued to finance at large cost the development of a fast-breeder reactor at Dounreay, whose only advantage was to produce more plutonium. "That makes Dounreay the most expensive job creation project in history."

Mr Puttnam added: "How many of you will truly be rushing forward with your pension funds when the Government offers us all the chance to buy a share in seven gigawatts of used nuclear reactors, decommissioning and insurance costs unknown, later in this Parliament? There is possibly a better way to spend your money."

The conference passed a resolution stating that business accepted its responsibilities towards the environment.

It added: "However policies and initiatives in this field must not be based on emotion but must balance benefits to the environment against the need for companies to be internationally competitive."

Conference reports by Edward Townsend, Alan Wood and Peter Mulligan

Poll tax 'would throw up big business losers'

A resolution hostile to Government plans for rates reform was carried by a substantial majority.

It said the proposed reforms would lead neither to greater accountability nor a clear connection between spending and local taxation.

After the debate, during which only one speaker supported government plans, Sir David Nickson, the CBI president, promised the CBI would publish alternative proposals within 10 days.

The resolution was moved by Mr Michael Davis, of Greenall Whitley, who said: "The uniform business rate, coinciding with the first revaluation in England and Wales since 1973, will throw up some big losers in the business community. The business rate currently amounts to around £8 billion. It is one of the main taxes paid by business."

"It hits company profits and share prices. To have large, sudden and arbitrary changes in this cost is not on." He said the business community should be de-rated by 25 per cent or around £2 billion.

Because the Government had refused to do this, the CBI was now lining up with the Government's many opponents on rating reform.

However, the objective of the reforms — that councils should be accountable to the

electorate for the money spent — had the wholehearted support of business.

Mr John Mills, of the Yorkshire and Humberside region, told of a recent meeting of 65 senior businessmen and women, none of whom supported the Government's proposals. "They describe them as ineffective, unfair and unworkable."

Mr Malcolm Smith, of Alex Lawrie Factors, gave a warning that the proposed reforms would mean business being unable, locally, to influence the decision-makers at county halls. Local consultation would be destroyed.

Mr G Drake, of Penrhyn Quarries, said that the government proposals were ill thought out and ill conceived. He warned delegates to beware of hidden costs in the proposals.

Sir David Nickson said that the CBI council had instructed him to pursue private discussions with the Government.

It was important for those delegates who felt strongly about the reform of the rating system to speak locally to people in a position to do something about it.

It was clear from the context of the debate that conference was not happy with the Government's proposals for a uniform business rate.

POWER

Calls to cut prices

Mr Lewis Davies, the chairman of the CBI Welsh Council, said that industry was not in the game of paying for the ideologies of political parties when he successfully moved a resolution emphasizing the need for British industry to have the benefit of competitive electricity prices.

He said that in Wales they had heard rumours that the Government might increase prices to make the electricity supply industry more attractive to potential investors. He went on: "If such a move is necessary to attract buyers I would submit there is no case for privatization."

He was echoing earlier comments by Mr John Banham, the CBI director general, that there must be internationally competitive electricity costs

and this must be the objective of privatization. Any talk of increases simply to get privatization away was quite unacceptable, said Mr Banham.

The resolution also called on the CBI to undertake a major publicity campaign on the merits of nuclear power.

Mr Christopher Harding, of British Nuclear Fuels, said that over the next three or four years it will be spending £500 million on improving discharges and better handling of effluent.

Mr Roger Farrance of the Electricity Council, said it was well aware of the need to supply industry at the lowest possible prices but it was moving from a period of surplus capacity to one where considerable new investment would be needed.

Why moving makes sense

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Secretary of State for Scotland, told the conference that in the 1990s industry would be increasingly on the move to Scotland, Wales and northern areas of England for basic industrial common sense rather than for financial inducements.

He said that if the Germans could penetrate British markets and the Japanese could do so from the other side of the world, there could be few arguments more spurious than the suggestion that a few hundred miles north of Watford, Hertfordshire, was all the difference between profitability and failure for British industry.

The Secretary of State praised British industry for the sensible way in which it has responded to recent

convulsions on stock exchanges round the world.

The situation had been helped by the fact that the

Study group

The CBI is to set up a task force to study the adequacy of industry's approach to education. Sir David Nickson, the president, said it would report its findings within a year.

Sir Adrian Cadbury, chairman of Cadbury Schweppes and a member of the CBI policy-forming body, will lead the task force.

The announcement was made at the end of a debate on the link between education and industry. It was addressed by Mr John Abbott, the director of Education 2000 which promotes such a link in Hertfordshire.

British economy was enormously stronger than it had been for many years.

He speculated what might have been the implications if the public sector borrowing requirement had been at the high level of some years ago.

Mr Rifkind rejected the idea that "popular capitalism" was over and said that the Government had been encouraging the public to understand that it should not indulge in gambling or speculation but that it should indulge in investment.

He considered small investors in Britain were wiser and more mature as a consequence of recent experiences.

He welcomed the setting up of the CBI task force on urban regeneration and inner cities. In Scotland, the main problems would be those of peripheral housing estates in Glasgow and other urban areas

Stock market fall 'does not herald a world recession'

Bonn (AP-Dow Jones) — West Germany's five main economic research institutes said yesterday that the stock market crash does not forebode a worldwide recession.

The five institutes, which publish a joint report on the economy twice a year, say that, though the steep fall in share prices introduces more uncertainty into the economic picture, they are confident that policy measures in the leading industrialized countries will assure continued economic growth, albeit somewhat slower.

In West Germany, the institutes forecast a real or price-adjusted increase in gross national product of 1.75 per cent in 1987, after 2.4 per cent in 1986. The outlook for 1988 calls for 2 per cent growth.

The institutes expect the US economy to expand by 2.75 per cent this year and 2.5 per cent in 1988.

As factors of uncertainty resulting from developments on the stock market, the joint report cites a possible slowdown in investment and increased difficulties for industrial companies to finance expansion through share issues. The report said it has tried to take account of these uncertainties by making cautious estimates.

Private consumption will be the main engine for the West German economy in 1987 as well as in 1988, the report says. Private spending is forecast to rise 3 per cent both this year and next. Real disposable income is expected to rise 3.5 per cent in 1987 and 4.5 per cent in 1988.

But the nation's exports will continue to rise at a slower pace than imports. Exports, expected to be flat this year, are seen rising 3.5 per cent in 1988, while imports are forecast to increase 4 per cent this year and 5 per cent next.

The institutes note that, because world trade is expected to grow faster than West German exports, the country's industry is likely to lose worldwide market share next year.

The current account surplus is expected to shrink to DM65 billion (£22 billion) in 1988 from an estimated DM75 billion in 1987.

To provide more immediate stimulus to the domestic economy, the institutes repeated the call, made in their April joint report, to move forward the government's tax-reform package now scheduled to take effect in 1990. They said such a move could even be considered urgent in view of the negative effects the country's shrinking exports have on the economy.

"It is still valid that whatever serves the improvement of growth conditions should be done as early as possible," said Herr Horst Seidler, an economist at one of the institutes, DIW.

The institutes question whether the government's proposed controversial introduction of a 10 per cent withholding tax on interest income, to finance part of the tax cut, will have the desired effect. They note that it is doubtful whether the planned revenue of about DM4 billion can be raised.

The report also notes that, because the move is likely to raise interest rates, it will increase the state's financing costs. It forecasts that West German consumer prices, which dropped by 0.2 per cent in 1986, will rise 0.5 per cent in 1987. The price rise will be a steeper 2 per cent in 1988, the report predicts.

A majority of the five institutes said a continued overshooting of the Bundesbank's money supply growth targets will sooner or later cause a rise in prices. But DIW, in a dissenting opinion, said it does not share the immediate inflation concerns of the other institutes. Instead, DIW said a tighter monetary policy would have had a negative impact on domestic investment and economic growth.

The four-institute majority also forecast a 1988 money supply growth target of about 5 per cent, after a 1987 target range of 3 to 6 per cent. The Bundesbank is expected to revise its target range before year-end.

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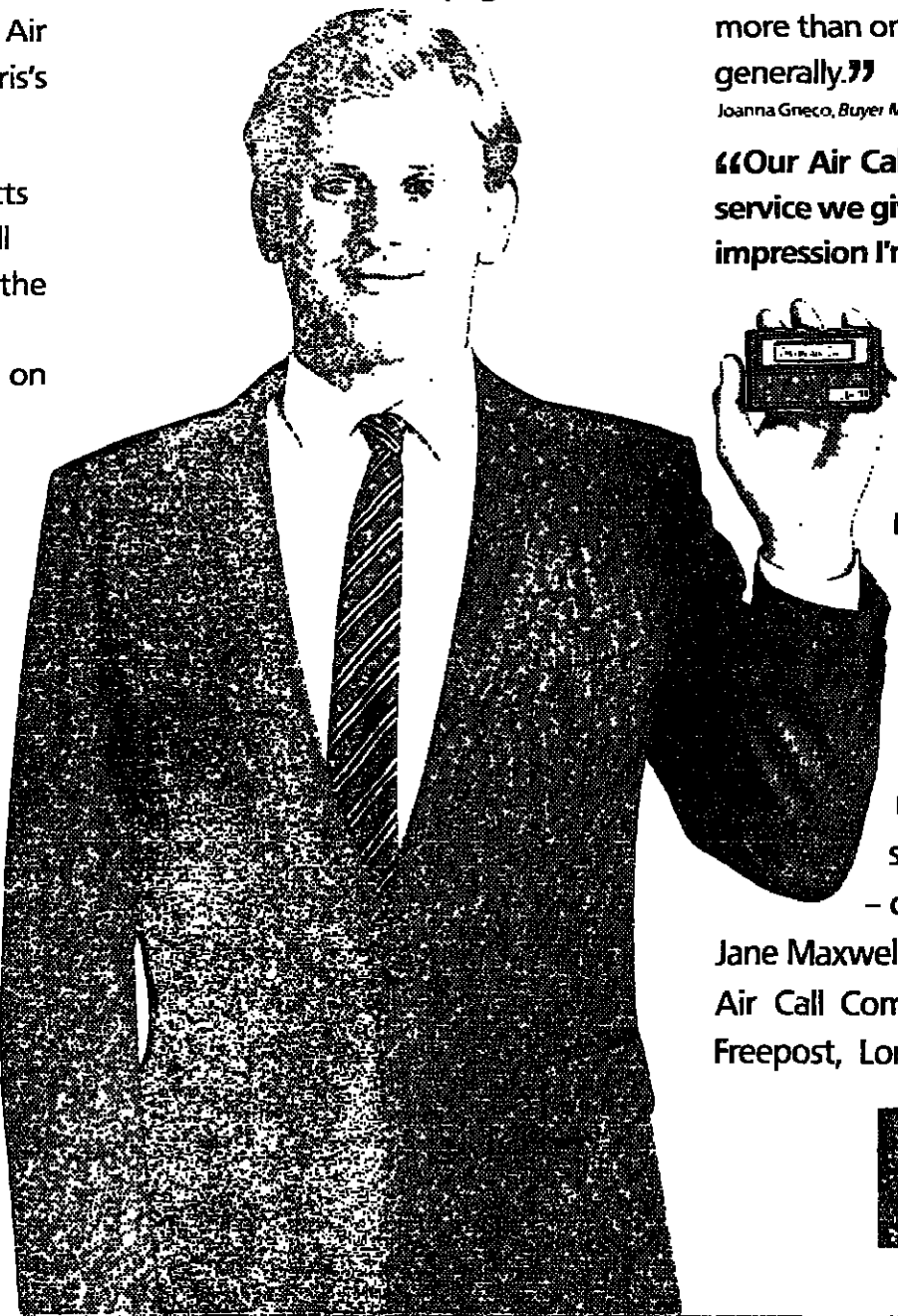
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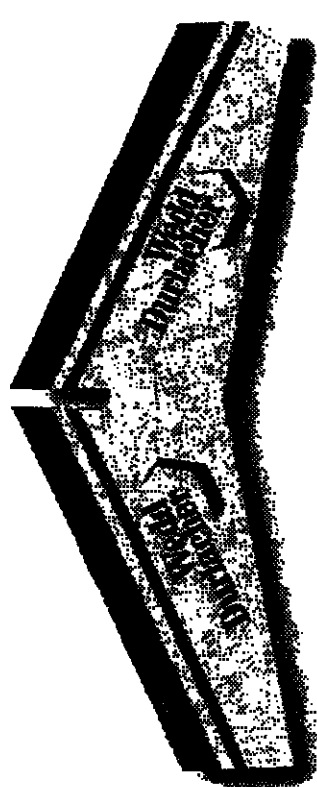
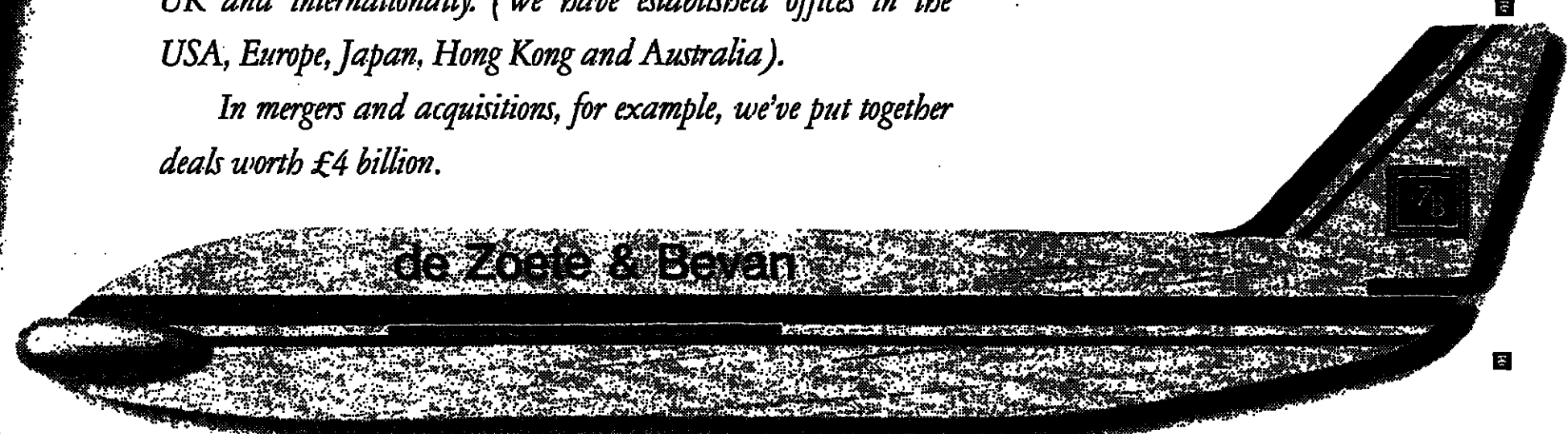
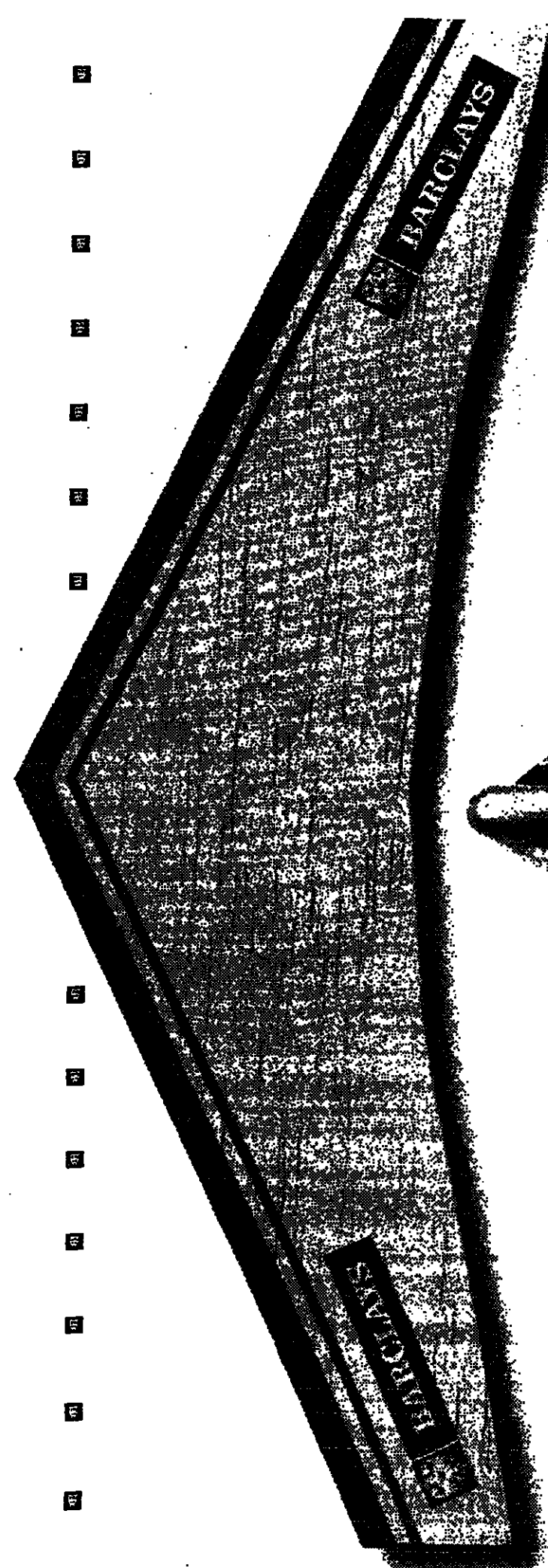
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COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

High-tech companies need new perks

As the stock market has tumbled last month, so too have the fortunes of many employees of the high-technology firms that have sprung up over the last five years.

Many have used the option to buy stock in their companies. Since growth rates in some companies have exceeded 200 per cent, the ability to buy shares through an employee share-purchase scheme has been a big attraction.

Employee share-option schemes operate at several companies, from Digital Equipment to Apple and from Lotus Development to Electronic Arts. They are usually based on employees who stay with the company for a certain period of time.

They are offered shares in the

THE WEEK

By Geoff Wheelwright

company at a preferential rate. The idea is that it not only acts as an incentive for new employees to resist poaching by competitors, but provides them with greater reason to help the company to make money.

Stock market prices for high-technology firms have suffered particularly badly in the recent slide. Several Silicon Valley firms, with a lot of staff employed in Britain, such as Apple, Atari and Amdahl, have seen their prices cut in half, or worse. While many share-option schemes for employees are linked to a market price, the large

and fast swings in the prices of these companies makes it increasingly difficult to maintain an attractive scheme.

If recovery is slow, computer businesses may have to look at other "sweeteners", particularly when trying to seek out software-development talent, which is always in short supply.

Yet recruitment and employee share-purchase plans may be the least of some companies' problems in the deflated stock market as they find their stocks valued at even less than their annual turnovers.

Such bargain-basement prices could tempt corporate raiders into the high-technology stocks when companies such as Amstrad - another company to see its stock-

market value halved, and a company such as Tandem - which makes disc drives and personal computers - dropped to a valuation of \$100 million on a \$400 million annual turnover.

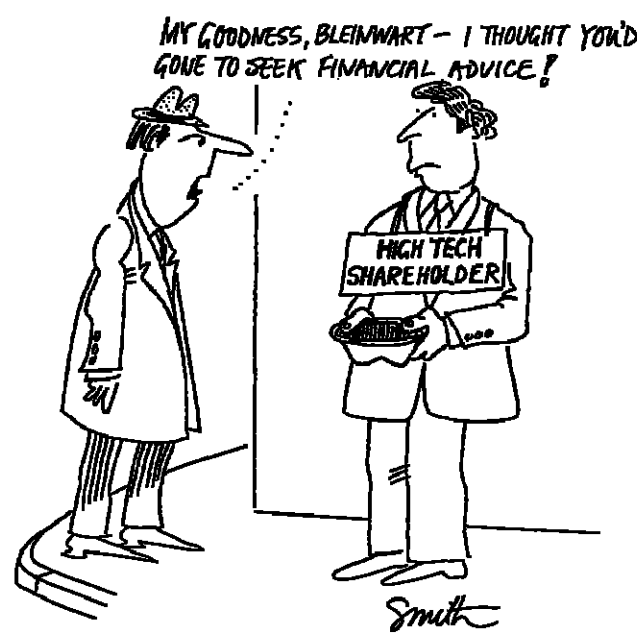
The reaction of Amstrad's chairman and founder, Alan Sugar, to the stock market problems and the potential dangers represented was typical.

"We can only get on with the job in hand and that's what we're doing," he said.

For takeovers in the high-tech world to succeed, there is usually some form of common interest. Examples include Jack Tramiel's acquisition of the ailing Atari computer company from Warner Communications almost three years

ago and the buy-out last year by Alan Sugar of Sir Clive Sinclair's home-computer range. In both cases, Mr Tramiel and Mr Sugar knew the home-computer business extremely well.

Some argue, however, that selling computers and the software to go with them is simply a marketing job. They might point to people such as Apple UK's managing director, David Hancock, about to move to international operations for Apple, and who came to the firm three years ago from Gillette. He represents an example of what is described as a "second phase" of management in computer companies by bringing in marketing people who know the business of selling and running a company first and the computer industry second.



Taking a chip off the old oak block

PEOPLE

By Eddie Coulter

"I have never had ambition," says Iann Barron, 50 this year and director, shareholder and driving force behind Immos, the British semi-conductor company.

It is a surprising comment, as Mr Barron has made a reasonable fortune from computers, and is recognized internationally by the computer industry as an academic and entrepreneur.

His track record reads like a history of the British computer industry. He was just 22 when he designed the first commercial transistorized computer in Britain - a best-seller in its time.

By 23 he was on civilian technical assignments with the Army Operational Research Group and the Air Ministry. At 29 he was head of his own mini-computer company and subsequently designed a time-sharing machine which was ahead of its time.

Later he was to go on to raise £50 million from the British Government to put UK semiconductor manufacturing on the world map and led the team which has designed the world's fastest micro-processor.

Now owned by Thorn-EMI, Immos was once the subject of political in-fighting and Cabinet-level discussions under both Labour and Tory governments before Iann Barron's dream of Britain's own semiconductor stake was realized.

He describes his attitude to ambition as "never having the time to think about it."

"In terms of ambition I have not really planned what I have achieved," he says. "And I don't have any future ambition. I only have a focus for now and that's to make Immos and the transporter successful. After that, I will sit down and think about the future."

The transporter Iann Barron refers to is an innovative micro-processor designed under his direction using a new computer architecture. A



Iann Barron: A fortune

floating-point version of the transporter is at the heart of an EEC super-computer development under the Esprit programme.

This chip will process instructions at the equivalent rate of 100 million per second - that is 10,000 times faster than the first transistor computer Mr Barron designed in the 1950s.

In 1977 what was to become

Immos was first mooted by ex-Mostek president and semi-conductor specialist Richard Petritz. Iann Barron was encountering difficulties with immigration officials at Toronto airport, following a conference he attended there.

Mr Petritz recognized Mr Barron, having met him at the conference, helped to resolve the airport problem and while they travelled together on the flight, proposed the subject of a new semi-conductor company.

Wanting to work in the UK and to see Britain with a decent stake in the immense world market of microchips, Iann Barron set to work raising the money from the National Enterprise Board.

The rest of the Immos story is well documented, but earlier lessons learned resulted in one of the attitudes which Iann Barron actively pursues today.

"To be successful in Britain with any semi-conductor products you need a world market," he says. "The bulk of that market is not in Europe. I don't believe there is a role for

national or localized markets in semi-conductor manufacturing. We are aiming to compete fair and square with the major Japanese and American companies. If we can't do that there is no point in being in business."

Pursuit of success for Immos and the transporter gives Iann Barron little time to rest. He has not had a holiday for a number of years and often loses weekends with business travelling and meetings. Yet he denies that he is a workaholic. "I can live without my work," he says.

Not working means time spent walking and reading at his 16th-century house in a small village outside Bristol, not far from his Immos office.

A lover of old oak-beamed houses, Iann Barron gives a wry, disapproving smile when asked if he has a computer terminal at home. It implies that it would be sacrilege to mix technology with historical beauty. It is obviously one place where, as far as Iann Barron is concerned, the chips are left firmly alone.

Extra-loving care for the employee

RECRUITMENT

By Pat Sweet

Most companies attempt to hang on to their computer staff through their pay packet. Many employers desire attractive salary and benefits packages in order to persuade staff with scarce skills to stay.

But one computer services group is working with organizations such as financial institutions and large multi-nationals which are starting to feel that some extra care and attention, rather than more cash, may be what is needed.

"Such companies believe employees in management ser-

salaries and grades that allow people to stay within the technical environment," Mr Robson said.

The career development programme also indicates what sort of training will be needed at various times in an individual's career. Mr Robson finds that those companies which do invest in training for their computer staff tend to concentrate on purely technical courses.

"But we find people in management services departments often want training in interpersonal skills. It's a service function and many of the employees need the sort of techniques taught on sales training courses in order to negotiate with their users," Mr Robson pointed out.

CMG interviews groups of management services employees to determine their views on their training needs. These discussions invariably lead on to what Mr Robson terms "associated observations", chief among which is a desire to feel more involved with the company's business.

"On one level managers often feel they are not brought in on the decision-making process enough. And nearly always management services



Fred Robson: Management needs training in inter-personal skills

employees feel people don't communicate to them enough information about what is happening in the company," Mr Robson said.

Communications can be difficult

Communications can be difficult if a company has numerous sites. But Mr Robson believes that a serious attempt to make the computer department feel part of the company, plus a clearly-defined career path for everyone, may be more effective in improving staff retention levels than big pay increases.

BRIEFING

■ Compaq is to bring forward the second phase of its Scottish plant development, to start two months before the first phase has gone into production. The new factory at Erskine, near Glasgow, should create an estimated 350 new jobs by the end of 1988, a year ahead of schedule. Compaq intends to produce all its full range of desktop and portable computers, including the new Compaq Deskpro 386/20 and the Portable 386 at the Scottish plant. Work on a first-phase building is nearing completion on schedule, ready to start delivering computers at the start of next year.

■ Sun Microsystems has announced that Xerox has become its second major customer in a month for its new high-speed microprocessor. Xerox said that it would incorporate Sun's chip into its computers and that it was also negotiating more extensive technology exchange agreements with Sun. Last month AT&T said it would also build machines using the Sun chip. The two announcements indicate a fast start for Sun's new high-speed

Compaq move on Scottish plant

chip, known as Sparc. Sun is also trying to rally support for a new standard operating system for computers based on AT & T's Unix operating system. AT & T and Sun announced have an agreement to cooperate on developing a standard version of Unix. Xerox, which has used its own operating system, said it would adopt the joint AT & T-Sun operating system.

■ With tempting incentives ranging from tax breaks and free land to cut-rate electricity and lottery-subsidized infrastructure, the state of Oregon - sandwiched between California and Washington on the Pacific coast - is courting Japanese industry in a big way. The Japanese are responding, eagerly flocking to a lush area of forests, rivers, mountains and gentle rain to build manufacturing facilities. More than 60 Japanese companies have facilities in Oregon, the largest among them built since 1984, when the state repealed its unitary tax on

worldwide profits of companies that locate there. Repeal of the tax, which California still has, cost the state an estimated 15 million dollars in annual revenue. Japanese companies have since plowed initial investments into the state totalling more than £120 million with potential investment equalling nearly £500 million, promising increased business and property-tax revenues several times the loss.

■ Japan's NEC Corporation, the world's largest computer microchip maker, has seen profits stagnate over the last six months due, says the company to the strong yen and trade friction. NEC, which makes everything from supercomputers to home appliances, said its exports slumped in the six months ending September 30 as the high yen made its products less competitive abroad. NEC said it recorded net profits of 16 billion yen (£66 million) in the first half of the fiscal year, virtually

unchanged from the same period a year earlier. Sales increased slightly during the period to 1,048 billion yen (£4.3 billion).

Managing director Kazuyoshi Akimoto forecast good times ahead, saying net profits for the year as a whole should show a 35 per cent increase.

■ IBM is joining the flood of companies that have announced stock buyback programs in the face of a volatile market, with a decision to repurchase up to \$1 billion (£570 million) of its stock. Many companies have made similar moves in part to show confidence in themselves.

Marti Easterbrook, an IBM spokeswoman, said the buyback is an extension of a current \$2.5 billion (£1.43 billion) buy-back program, which should be completed in a few weeks. The company said its board had authorized it to buy its shares in blocks of 5,000 from time to time on the open market. IBM's stock price has dropped from a high of \$175 a share earlier this year to a low of \$102 after the market collapse on October 19th. The company plans to pay for the stock repurchases with general corporate funds. IBM is today expected to name a delivery date for the extended version of the OS/2 operating system for its Personal System/2 computers.

■ Amstrad's four new portable computers range in price from £460 to £690 - half the price of competitors, says the company chairman, Alan Sugar.

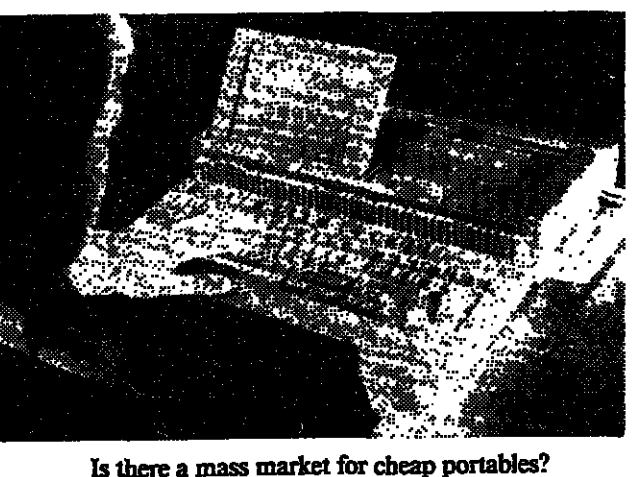
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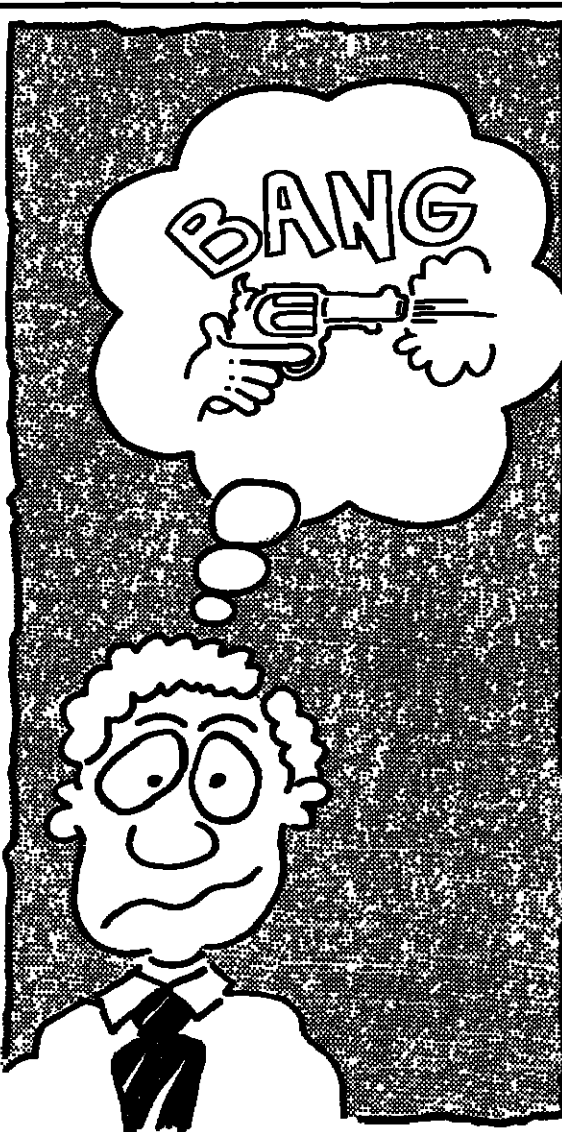
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By Eddie Coulter

While most of the computer industry has been aware of the Pick operating system for some time, its significance has, in many ways, been played down.

Suddenly the market is coming awake and is said to be growing at between 40 and 50 per cent a year. By next year it is estimated that there will be 100,000 Pick-based machines with a million screens in use worldwide.

Already 50 per cent of stock-exchange back-office systems — back offices being the computing area with the most catching-up to do since Big Bang and last month's "Big Burn" — are using Pick. There are also many users in the health area, police, defence and a variety of individual end-user departments. And the skills shortage problem is starting to rear its head.

Mark Harris, managing director of Brookteam Computer Recruitment, a specialist Pick recruitment consultancy set up 18 months ago, said: "Pick is renowned for being a well-kept secret."

"The market has been building for the last five years. Now there is a great



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around the operating system — the only time an operating system has preceded commercial hardware. Thus Pick had two masters: McDonnell Douglas, which began to push the operating system after the US court decision in 1981, and Mr Pick himself. Like a sleeping giant awakening, Pick's started to take off — its capabilities for database management integral within the operating system and fuelled by the general surge in database usage.

There now exist 25 Pick licences with Pick-based machines available from manufacturers such as Prime and General Automation as well as McDonnell Douglas.

Recently Fujitsu in Japan and Inter-technique in France also announced plans to enter the Pick market with new systems which should soon reach the UK. There is even a micro-based version of Pick, known as Revelation, which runs under DOS on many PCs.

According to Mr Harris demand is increasing at all levels for Pick staff, but programmers and analysts with experience of structured techniques and those with knowledge of the Pick-based fourth-generation language All, are the most highly sought.

Additionally, Mr Harris believes,

there is a greater move by users towards larger Pick-based systems. It means that professionalism of the personnel is set to increase.

Originally, it was the fact that there were a lot of smaller Pick systems with end-users feeling isolated from the rest of the data processing community, that led Alan Pritchard, data manager of the Planning and Statistics Unit at the City of London Polytechnic, to found the Pick User Group in the UK in September last year and become its inaugural chairman. At the last count more than 300 users were in the group.

"Many Pick users are not traditional computer people at all," he said. "They are accountants, stores controllers, policemen. Yet suddenly they are in demand. There exist 4,000 Pick-based systems in the UK and installations will probably increase by 2,000 in the next year."

"That will mean perhaps an extra 3,000 Pick personnel — programmers, analysts, project managers — being required."

Many of the people needed for Pick systems development will possibly progress from the end-user area, according to Alan Pritchard. He considers that an increase in salaries is inevitable as Pick

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gains increasing strength in the market place. However, as Mr Harris points out, the Pick recruitment market is more stable in salary scales across the country — they are not excessively high even in the City.

About 50 per cent of Mr Harris' applicants for jobs are more than willing to relocate to various parts of the country, although many wish to avoid the excessive house prices of the south-east. And though consultants can command up to £30,000, most vacancies are for analysts-programmers in the £12,000 to £18,000 a year bracket, with many jobs offering additional benefits such as cars.

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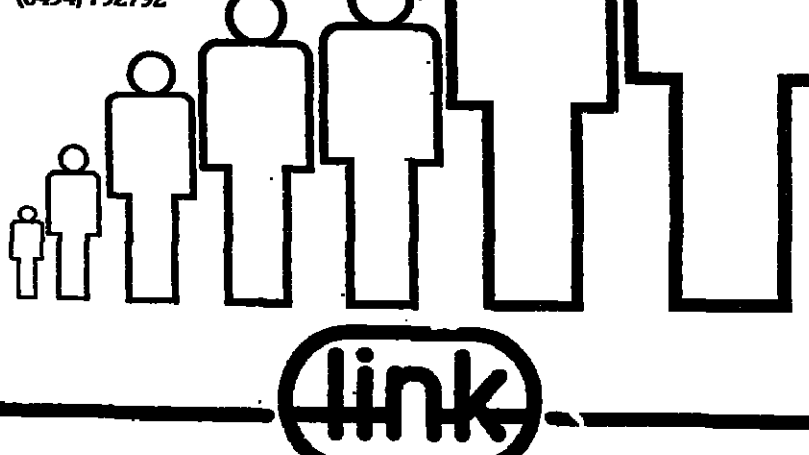
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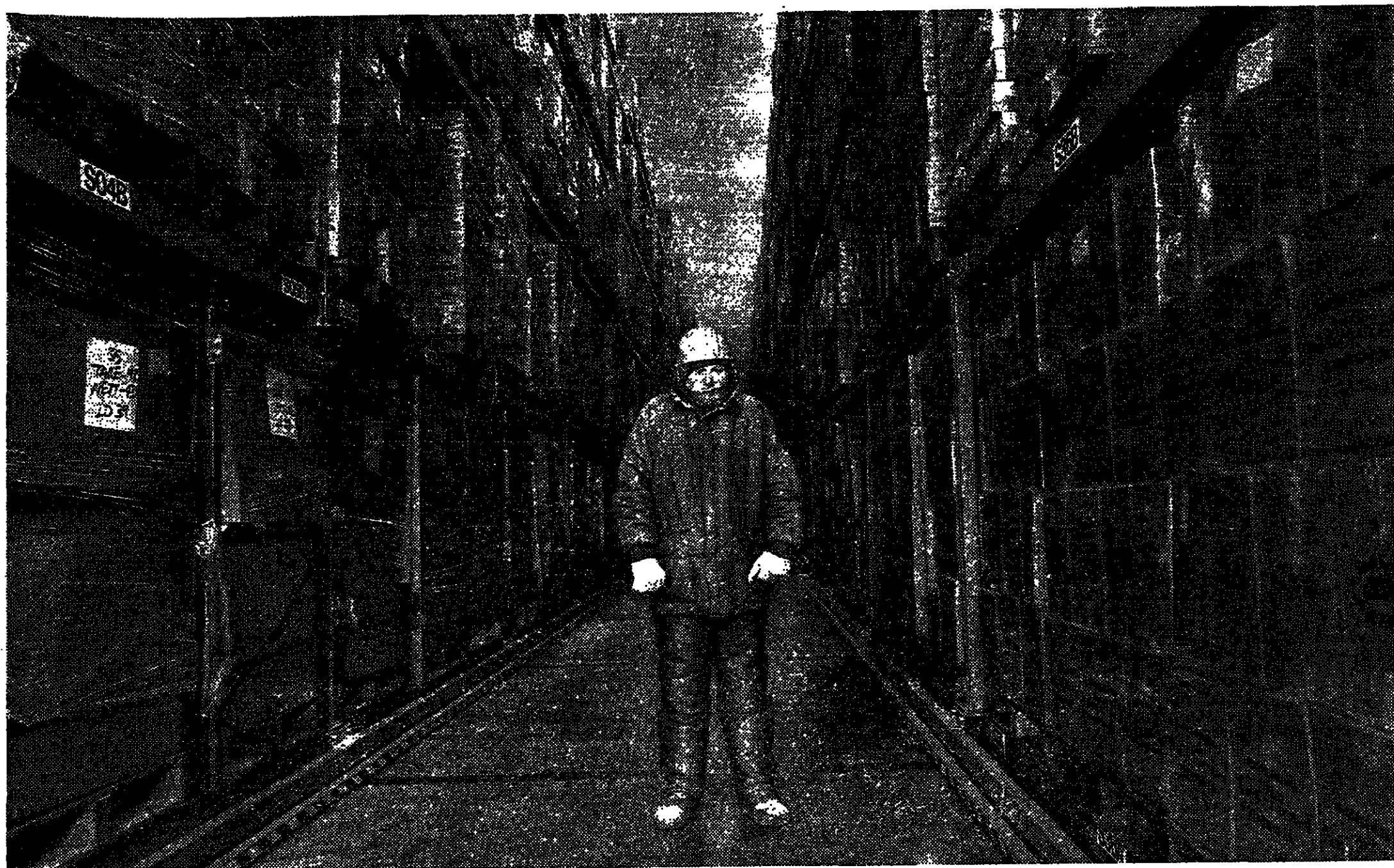
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Climbing the housing stairs

Keen on welfare but technically inept: to whatever extent this traditional image of women still applies, it is a factor contributing to the uncertain career prospects of trained and qualified women who work in housing.

Although women slightly outnumber men in the profession they pioneered from Octavia Hill's day, it has become strongly dominated by men, with women holding disproportionately few of the top posts. And those who want to return from a career break should not imagine that, because they are qualified, they will be able to return at the same level after several years at home. It doesn't happen.

The better news is that in the last few years several developments have occurred towards improving women's prospects. One is the networking pressure group Women in Housing (WiH), which was formed in 1981. Another is that working parties relating to women have been set up by the Institute of Housing (IoH), the professional body, and the National Federation of Housing Associations. The former has produced booklets and organized courses to help trained and experienced women return to paid work after a career break.

Further, there has been the work of the Housing Employment Register and Advice (HERA), a non-profit-making employment register set up with the backing of WiH and a London housing association. HERA is mainly, though not exclusively, for women seeking, among other objectives, to improve their career and employment outlook.

Young women should be positive about a career in housing and not simply drift in, as many do, sometimes as the result of inadequate careers advice.

Instead, they need to know about the different types of work, which areas offer opportunities for advancement and responsibility, such as estate management and technical services, and which are likely to be a cul-de-sac - housing aid, homelessness and admin.

To learn more about this, and how to prepare for your career, it would be helpful to obtain *Women at Work in Housing* (£2.95, plus 30p p&p, from HERA), which draws on the experience of women in this field and offers possible solutions to some of the obstacles and discrimination they encounter.

It is written by Kate Leavers who, at the age of 28, became chief housing advisory officer to a London borough. She is now 30 and recently returned to the same job after taking only the statutory six months' maternity leave for the birth of her first child.

She explains in her book why housing, once women's territory, is now dominated by men. The expansion of the housing association movement and local government reorganization brought better-paid managerial posts which have made the work more attractive to men;

Men have taken over
most of the top jobs in

Britain's housing,

reports Sally Watts, who
advises how women are
fighting their way back

the "caring" jobs to which women gravitate, or are assumed to prefer, do not offer good promotion prospects; and the career break not only causes them to slip back, but affects their recruitment, training and promotion.

Most of the basic jobs are done by women - housing assistants, estate officers, interviewers, clerical staff - and though some use their job as a stepping stone others are content to stay at this level, while those who lack training prospects may have no choice.

Kate's first job with her London borough was as an estate manager, a good choice because it involved many aspects of work. Later, she was promoted to deputy area manager, then to her present role in which she has a staff of nearly 20, of whom about half are men.

"I'm a good example of someone who has been pushed on," she told me. Two people were responsible: as mentor, the deputy director who encouraged her as a trainee in her first job in the West Midlands; as role model, a young woman who went into housing straight from school (Kate is a graduate) and forged ahead, gaining her professional qualification and working up to principal officer.

Many women lack this kind of drive and determination. Kate would like to see beginners moving around at basic levels; more women entering jobs at the sharper, more influential end - financial, technical, development - and taking responsibility for staff; and more girls taking technical subjects at school.

Her book suggests strategies for women hoping to return to work after having children, and illustrates their predicament by quoting from their accounts. It was partly these which scared her into taking only the statutory maternity leave - "I didn't want to have to build up my confidence again."

But the situation is improving. "Job sharing is increasing like mad - some local authorities have gone in for it in a big way. Assertiveness training has become respectable and today there are also management courses for women."

Between now and next spring, HERA is running a London training programme which includes housing jobs, assertiveness, being effective, career development workshops and key housing issues.

HERA is run by Kate Leavers. She previously directed a small housing

association. A glance at her CV might provide beginners with some useful ideas. After graduating she spent two years on an International Voluntary Service scheme in the Seychelles, which included helping to renovate palm-leaf houses. This, she says, enabled her to understand a whole range of issues involved in building and gave an insight into the economic aspect of housing projects.

Back in Britain, she got a job as "a very lowly housing clerk" with a local authority and studied for the IoH's professional qualification (then called the diploma in housing management). A year in Ontario with a housing association followed, giving her an insight into how other organizations work, and later she joined a UK housing association and worked up from assistant to housing and development manager, then moved as director to a different type of association.

Kate Hargreaves suggests three qualities for a housing career: an interest both in people and in the practical, technical aspect of buildings, and a working knowledge of finance.

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Although housing is not particularly well paid, the rewards are high in terms of job satisfaction, and will be increasingly so for women as they, and their employers, improve their prospects.

"It matters to the women who aim for the higher levels of their profession. It matters because employers use scarce resources in training women whose expertise and experience are underutilized. It matters, most subtly, because women are not sufficiently involved in the most influential planning, architecture and design decisions, which affect the quality of life of huge numbers of consumers of housing services."

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Woman to be evicted after 50 years

Sefton Holdings Ltd v Cairns
Before Lord Justice Lloyd and
Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce
(Judgment November 2)

Whether a person was entitled to succeed to a statutory tenancy on the death of the first successor of the original protected or statutory tenant, within the meaning of section 2 of and paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 to the Rent Act 1977, depended on that person being a member of the deceased's family and not merely living as a member of the family or being a member of the household.

The Court of Appeal so held when it allowed the appeal of the plaintiff landlords, Sefton Holdings Ltd, against the decision of Judge Downey at Liverpool County Court on August 11, 1987, when she dismissed their claim for possession of the dwelling house, 49 Cherry Avenue, Walton, Liverpool, from the defendant, Miss Florence Cairns.

Miss Bernadette Goodman for the plaintiff landlords, Miss Linda Pearce for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that the plaintiffs let the premises to the original tenant in 1939-1941 when the house was built. He died in 1965, his daughter succeeded to the tenancy and she died in 1986.

The defendant came to live with the family in 1941, aged 23; she was single, both parents had died, her boyfriend had just been killed in the war, and the daughter had asked her parents to take her in. They treated her as their own daughter. She was now aged 70 and had lived in the same house since 1941.

His Lordship said that the defendant was clearly residing with the deceased daughter (of the original tenant) at the time

of her death, but the question was whether she was a member of her family within the terms of the 1977 Act.

No court could but sympathise with a woman aged 70 who was in danger of being turned out of the house where she had resided for nearly 50 years, but the court had to apply the law, it had been held over and over again that the word "family" in this context had to be given its ordinary everyday meaning.

The present case was covered by the passage in the judgment of Lord Justice Russell in *Ross v Collins* ([1964] 1 WLR 425, 432) which was expressly approved of by the House of Lords in *Joram Developments Ltd v Sharaf* ([1979] 1 WLR 928, 931).

There was no doubt that the defendant and the deceased regarded each other as sisters, but the fact remained that in 1940 when the defendant was taken in, she was taken in as a stranger.

However long she lived with the family and was treated kindly by them, she did not and could not become a member of the deceased daughter's family. The length of residence could not transform her into a member of the family.

Miss Pearce submitted that she became at any rate a member of the parents' family by adoption, and it was clear, in his Lordship's view, that *de facto* adoption was enough to make a child a member of the family; but the court had to ask whether she was a member of the deceased's family, not that of the parents.

Nor was there any decided authority which held that the protection of the 1977 Act covered a *de facto* adoption of

an adult. It could not be said that the defendant was brought up as a child of the family, and she had not become a member by adoption whether *de facto* or *de jure*.

In approaching the present case, his Lordship bore in mind the distinction drawn by Viscount Dilhorne in the *Joram Developments* case, at p932, between being a member of the family and being a member of the household, and the distinction between being a member of the family and living as a member of the family. Clearly, the defendant was a member of the family, and the appeal had to be allowed.

SIR ROUALEYN CUMMING-BRUCE, agreeing, said it was clear that the defendant became a member of the household.

Throughout the mounting line of cases, there was no case in which a court found it possible to identify the necessary ingredient or quality that distinguished a familial nexus from a nexus which was less than familial.

Being a member of the family was different from being treated as a member of the family.

Solicitors: R. H. Vyner, Brooks & Co, Liverpool; Ashby Cornforth & Co, Liverpool.

Relationship stable enough for tenancy

Chios Investment Property Co Ltd v Lopez

Where the facts showed that an occupant's relationship with a deceased protected or statutory tenant had reached a sufficient state of permanence and stability for it to be said that in all the circumstances he was a member of the original tenant's family, the occupant was entitled to succeed to the statutory tenancy within the terms of paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to the Rent Act 1977.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Parker and Sir George Waller) so held on October 28 when they dismissed the plaintiff company's appeal from the decision of Mr Assistant Recorder Mann, QC, who, on March 2, 1987, at Birmansbury County Court, held that the defendant, Miss Arraz Lopez, was the statutory tenant of the

plaintiff's flat in succession to Mr Sharaf El-Din, she being a member of his family and residing with him at the time of and for a period of six months immediately before his death.

SIR GEORGE WALLER said that, although it was submitted that the relationship of only two years should have resulted in a different conclusion, there could be no rule about length of time, the longer the relationship the easier it would be to infer permanence.

There was no reason for interfering with the judge's conclusions and he had applied the correct test. The instant case was most exceptional and should not be regarded as a precedent entitling courts to draw a similar inference from a similar short period of time unless there were wholly exceptional circumstances.

Judge to act in charge of QB lists

Judge in Charge of Lists

Mr Justice Michael Davies is to act as judge in charge of the Queen's Bench Division jury, non-jury and chambers lists in the Royal Courts of Justice from November 9 until at least Easter 1988, Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, said in the Court of Appeal on October 30.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that his Lordship would exercise judicial control over and support and liaise with those responsible for running those lists, deal with applications and complaints formally and informally, consult those professionally concerned with litigation and generally take such steps as might be desirable to facilitate the disposal of cases.

He would not be concerned with the Crown Office, Commercial Court or other lists except those stated.

Potential prejudice insufficient to establish forgery offence

Regina v Garcia

Before Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Leggatt and Mr Justice Auld

[Reasons October 29]
Sections 3 and 10 of the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 had to be read together to show a necessary double intent in the offence of using a false instrument under section 1(1) of that Act, that is, there must be an intent to induce somebody to accept the false instrument as genuine under section 3 and an intent that that person should act to his own or someone else's prejudice under section 10. Potential prejudice alone did not suffice as it was necessary that the event, if it occurred, must result in the loss of property.

The Court of Appeal so stated in giving reasons for upholding on October 9 Emilio Garcia's appeal against conviction on November 7, 1986 at Lisicworth

Crown Court (Judge Percy and a jury) on one count of conspiring to use false instruments, namely Trans World Airlines tickets and miscellaneous charging orders, contrary to section 1(1) of the Criminal Law Act 1977.

Section 3 of the 1981 provides: "It is an offence for a person to use... an instrument which is, and which he knows or believes to be, false, with the intention of inducing somebody to accept it as genuine, and by reason of so accepting it to do or not to do some act to his own or any other person's prejudice."

Section 10 provides: "... for the purposes of this part of this Act an act or omission intended to be induced is to a person's prejudice if, and only if, it is one which, if it occurs - (a) will result - (1) in his temporary or permanent loss of property..."

Mr David Lederman, assigned by the Registrar for

Criminal Appeals, for the appellant, Mr Nicholas Coleman for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said that the judge failed to give any direction to the jury as to double intention and in so far as the summing up dealt with passengers it introduced their "inconvenience and upset", considerations outside the scope of section 10.

Furthermore potential prejudice was insufficient and the use of the words that passengers were "clearly persons who could well have been prejudiced" was inappropriate as section 10 contained the words "will result".

Having regard to the complete absence of an appropriate direction it was not a suitable case to apply the proviso to section 2(1) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968.

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Heart Of Stone set to defy top weight

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Following a couple of pipe-opener on the Flat at Warwick and Newbury, Heart Of Stone should be the right shape to win the Vintage Veuve Clotquot Handicap Hurdle at Fontwell today. He is my nap.

In the first of those races he was beaten only a short head after an absence of four months, and in the second, a much tougher assignment, ran creditably when seventh to Woodpecker.

Two seasons ago Heart Of Stone showed that he was also an accomplished hurdler when he won over today's course and distance, and also

at Stratford, and last autumn looked all set for another profitable season when he finished a neck second in the valuable Timeform Handicap Hurdle at Chesham.

Unfortunately, Reg Akehurst's five-year-old was then kicked badly at the start of his next intended race at Newbury, so much so that that was the last we saw of him for a considerable time.

He is thought to be back to his best again now though, and he should be capable of giving weight to Oryx Minor and Royal Stag, both of whom have already shaped well promise this season. The former ran well at Newbury when runner-up to Keynes and the

latter equally so at Kempton where he finished third to Staghound.

My other principle fancy on the ever-popular West Sussex figure of eight track is the three-time course winner Fearless Imp to win the Frank Cundell Challenge Trophy despite a hefty 11st 13lb.

It was by only a neck that he succumbed to Boardman's Style on his seasonal debut at Plumpton three weeks ago and he will be sharper for that.

Dowegian, who has won over hurdles either side of finishing fourth to Winter Measure on his chasing debut, looks in the right sort of form to win the Cobbold Roach RNLI Novices' Chase.

The enthralling struggle between Sieve Cauten and Pat Eddery for this year's jockeys' championship will be the focal point of interest at Leicester where both men are in action.

I think that Cauten can draw first blood by winning the first division of the Hoby Maiden Stakes on Count Nulin, who was runner-up to the useful Raykour on his debut on this same course two weeks ago.

However, Eddery should counter by winning the Tugby EBF Stakes on Apple Rings and follow up on Festival Mood in the Pychley Stakes.

Apple Rings, who won a race confined to apprentices at

Pontefract in June, faced much tougher opposition at Thirsk last time when she was runner-up to the Nell Gwyn Stakes winner Martha Stevens. There is no rival of that calibre in today's field.

After winning at Salisbury, Festival Mood (4.0) could finish only fourth behind Yachtsman at Doncaster. However, a reputation of that form may well be sufficient to beat Tharwat and Nebula Way, who are closely weighted on earlier form at Brighton.

Vayra (3.30), who finished second behind Yachtsman at that same race at Doncaster, can win the second division of the Hoby Maiden Stakes by beating Imple.

Jockey Club moves to lessen severity of Wetherby fences

By Christopher Goulding

The controversial steepchase fences at Wetherby, where so many horses failed to complete the course at the recent two-day fixture, will be modified in time for the next scheduled meeting on November 24.

The trouble stemmed the fences' height, stiffness and the way they failed to invite a horse to jump cleanly. This should be rectified a week before the next race meeting takes place.

Mark Dwyer, the northern jockeys' safety officer, will inspect the course with Ron Barry, the new inspector of courses for the North. They will be joined by Pat Hilly, the clerk of the course, and Anthony Gilliam, a steward at the course.



Mark Dwyer: consulted in his capacity as northern jockeys' safety officer

Calver, although critical of the fences, did not blame them for the death of his charge, Beiderbecke never took off," he said.

Chris Grant, who is currently in second place in the jockeys' table, felt on Beiderbecke but also won on Cybridant.

"We decided not to boycott the meeting as there was so little time for them to alter the course," Grant said. "But I'm glad to hear the news that the fences will be altered and hope everything is sorted out for the next meeting."

"The fall I had on Beiderbecke was just one of those things. It could have happened anywhere. The fences on the other hand seemed to clip Cybridant, who won the Charlie Hall Memorial Pattern Chase. It certainly made him respect them," he continued.

"The jockeys were unanimous about the fences being uninviting and too big, and we were supported by the trainers. You could say the feeling as we went out to ride was like the Grand National, but in the National you don't ride novice chasers."

The RSCPA will not be taking any action, but were gratified to hear that the Jockey Club would be taking action. "We have had no complaints, but we do not like to see horses asked to jump fences that are too big," a spokeswoman said.

California suits Allez Milord

Allez Milord was confidently ridden by Chris McCarron to land the \$162,162 Oak Tree Invitational at Santa Anita on Sunday. The colt, formerly trained by Guy Harwood, is now based in California with John Gosden.

He was running on Lasix, which is permitted in that State, as the result of breeding blood vessel when last of six in the Turf Classic in New York on September 26.

Allez Milord went into the lead a mile from home and was pushed out to score by 2 1/2 lengths and three-quarters of a length from Louis le Grand and Rivis.

The Andre Fabre-trained Village Star was fourth and Wolsey, trained earlier this season by Henry Cecil yard, Wolsey was seventh.

Allez Milord was the subject of a recent sale to Zensya Yoshida's Shadai Farm in Japan but will continue to race in the Jerome Brandy colours while he remains training in the United States.

Paul Kelleway's Miss Bouquet (Tony Cragg) finished a respectable third behind Francis Boutin's Minstrel's Lassie (Freddie Head) and Maurice Zilber's Seattle Slang (Cash Assmusen) in the grade one Sellma Stakes, run over eight and a half furlongs on turf, at Laurel, also on Sunday.

On an afternoon dominated by the Gallic visitors, the Jonathan Pease-trained Astarte (Assmusen) took the colt's equivalent, the Laurel Futurity, by a length and a half from Mister Modesty.

The wins embellished a fine weekend for the French in America, with Le Glorieux having taken the Washington D.C. International and Gacko the Breeders' Cup Chase.

Paul Cole, rapidly approaching a total of \$1 million in worldwide prize money this season, won the three-year-old filly River Jig at Aqueduct this weekend.

Cole plans another transaction with Blat Pastors, who joins the British raiding party for the Breeders' Cup meeting at Hollywood Park on November 21.

A first decision on Miesque's participation in the Breeders' Cup will not be made until the race's next fortnight stage early next week.

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Lingfield Park

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MOTOR RACING

Mansell can find comfort in Moss

By John Blunsden

As Nigel Mansell rests his bruised body at his Isle of Man home this week and ponders on what might have been, he should get some comfort from the knowledge that it is not necessary to win the world championship in order to be the best driver in the world.

Twenty-nine years ago Stirling Moss, already three times a championship runner-up and indisputably the finest Formula One driver after Juan Manuel Fangio's retirement, was like Mansell, making a late challenge for the elusive title. But despite winning the last grand prix of the season in Morocco and setting the fastest lap, Moss still finished a point behind Mike Hawthorn. Yet Hawthorn had won only one grand prix that year whereas Moss had won four.

Moss took his defeat badly for a few days, then suddenly came to realize that there was more to life, even for a top racing driver, than the world championship points.

Achievements on the track were what mattered and he went on to record many more of them. Since that moment of realization, he has never seriously bothered him that he never took the title, in fact he has gained considerable satisfaction from repeatedly being referred to as Britain's uncrowned world champion.

It is possible that Mansell, who will find the crown eludes him but that in no sense devalue his performances on the track. His 1987 record is quite remarkable. Not only has he won six of his 14 races, he led four more, retiring twice, and at one point was running either first or second in the remaining four.

X-ray examination for Mansell's back

Nigel Mansell, back in England following his practice accident in Japan, has had a preliminary examination by a specialist who has diagnosed spinal cord compression as a result of the impact of the accident (John Blunsden writes). His back is said to be "in shock".

Meanwhile, Mansell is having considerable difficulty in breathing, and it is too early yet to determine whether or not he will be fit to take part in the final grand prix in Adelaide on Sunday week.

For Mansell, racing is all about winning, whereas the championship is a mere collecting points. Nelson Piquet, whose primary aim was to win the world championship for the third time, cannot be blamed for becoming the supreme points collector rather than the best race winner.

Every world championship race ends with one winner and 25 losers. The man who finishes second is merely the leading loser, yet he is awarded five championship points. It is fair that the winner, the only person to have achieved what all 26 set out to do, should receive only three more points than the driver he has just beaten, the leading loser?

Allocating 12 points for the race victor and retaining the current six, four, three, two and one for the next five places would put proper emphasis on the importance of winning rather than just finishing. Such a system would have produced some interesting results.

In 1984 Alain Prost would have been champion rather than Niki Lauda; in 1985 Prost would have taken the title regardless; in 1986 Mansell rather than Prost would have been champion despite his Adelaide mishap and this year's contest would still be open. The only consolation that it is not that on Sunday Prost can concentrate on who is winning the Australian Grand Prix rather than who is out there picking up points. May Mansell be fit enough to take part.

BOWLS

Evans relishes his spell in the spotlight

The rarefied atmosphere of the Preston Guild Hall, where the CIS Insurance UK singles championship is being played under the glare of television lights, does not encourage participants to relax and enjoy the game (David Rhys Jones writes).

Singles players, as a rule, are reluctant to be too demonstrative in any case, for expressions of delight or disappointment can reveal weaknesses to the opposition.

It was refreshing, therefore, to see how John Evans, in his first appearance in the cauldron, wore his heart on his sleeve, and enjoyed nearly every minute of his game against Preston's own Ben Duncan, the poker-faced crown green No. 1.

Evans, now aged 40, once played football for Torquay United, and clearly handles pressure well. His 7-5, 7-3 victory earned him a second round association with the 1985 champion, Jim Baker.

John Price, a prolific title winner from 1967 to 1971, bowled patiently against another crown green hope, Robert Crawshaw, a bowls maker from Walslow. Crawshaw held his more fancied opponent valiantly over the first two sets, which produced the finest bowling of the championship so far, but faded disappointingly in the third.

FIRST ROUND: Evans (Eng) 6-4 Duncan (Eng), 7-5; Price (Wales) 6-4 Crawshaw (Eng), 7-4, 4-7, 7-1.

Taking a joy-ride with Stirling Moss away from the acrimonious fumes of today to the purer air of yesterday

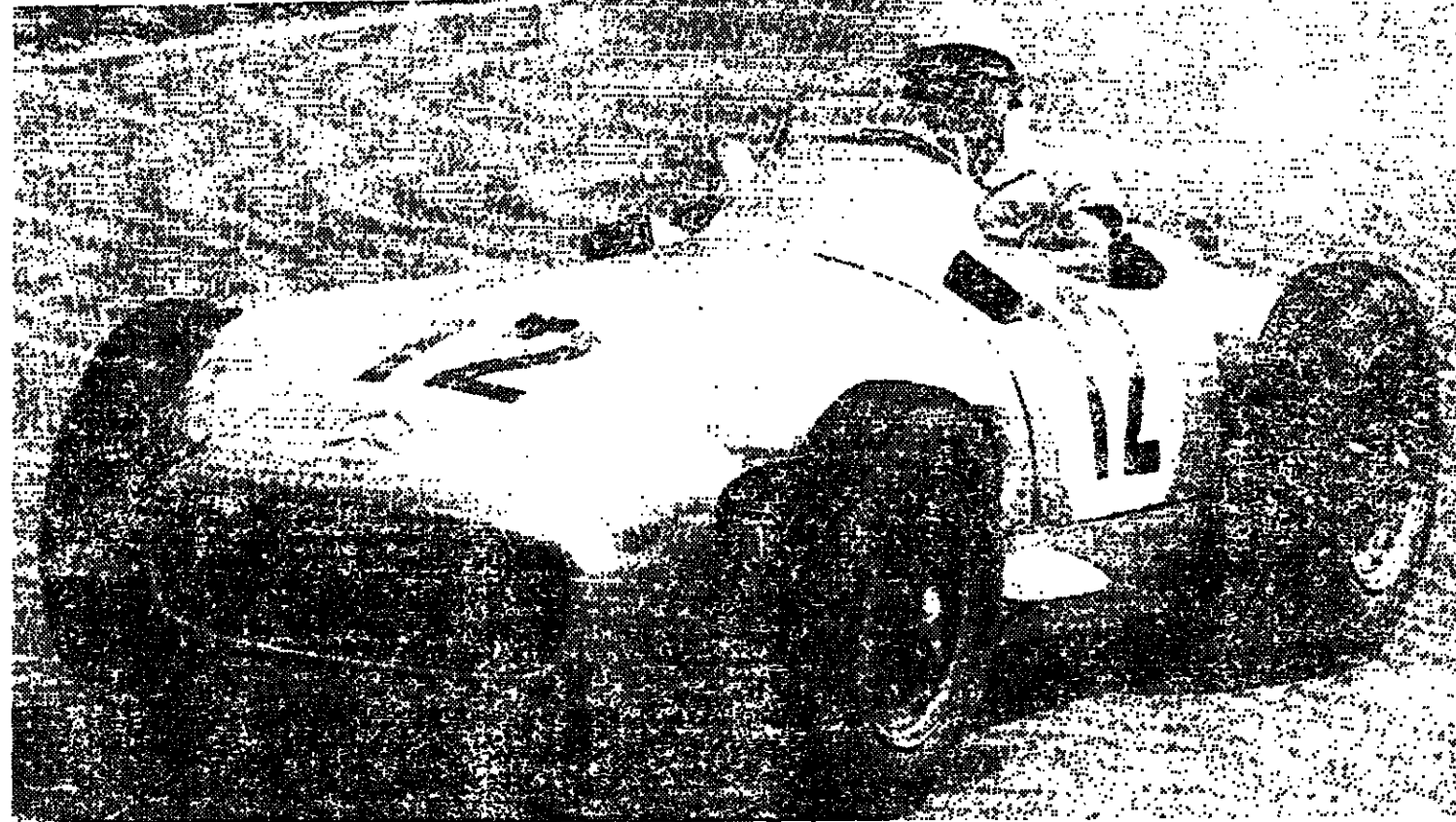
One man and his wheels of fortune

Almost 30 years ago Stirling Moss failed by a single point to become the first British world champion racing driver. He lost because at Oporto, in the eighth of that season's 10 races, he testified to the stewards of the meeting on behalf of his great rival, Mike Hawthorn, who had been accused of restarting his car in an illegal manner after a spin.

Moss's testimony got Hawthorn a reprieve, allowing him to keep his championship points for finishing second. A few weeks later Moss and his green Vanwall were faced with the task of winning the final event, in Morocco, and taking the extra point for recording the fastest race lap, with Hawthorn's Ferrari finishing no higher than third. Moss took his maximum but the junior Ferrari driver, Phil Hill, waved his team leader through into second place in the final stages. Hawthorn took the crown that Moss was fated never to win.

Today, of course, it is a different game as we are treated to the spectacle of team colleagues squabbling in an out of the cockpit, trying to run each other off the road, trying to get each other disqualified. Some drivers are allowed to get away with blocking manoeuvres in grand prix racing that should have been disciplined out of them in the kindergarten of Formula Ford.

Feelings are bound to run higher when millions rather than hundreds are at stake and there is no reason why motor racing could have expected to escape the atmosphere of ego-worship, jealousy, spite and rancour in which all professional sport is now conducted. As individual events, grand prix races are no less exciting than they were 10, 20, 30 or perhaps even 50 years ago. But to browse through *My Cars, My Career*, by Stirling Moss with Doug



Mercenari, 1955: Moss taking Tatts Corner at Aintree during practice for the British Grand Prix in one of the 84 cars in his 501-race life

Nye (Patrick Stephens, £19.95), is to breathe a purer air.

In this large and remarkable volume Moss outlines his career by means of a survey of the all cars he drove in competition. Applied to a Hunt or a Mansell, this method would make for neither varied nor interesting reading. In Moss's day it was different; although, come to that, Moss was different even by the standards of his own day.

Between 1947, when Moss, aged 17, began competing in a pre-war BMW sports car, and 1962, when he ended his professional career in a mangled Formula One Lotus-

Climax, he drove 84 types of car in 501 races, of which he won no fewer than 173. His appetite was phenomenal: at Goodwood in April 1961, at the peak of his fame and his powers, he took part in four different races in four different cars, winning two. That was typical.

He loved racing and loved it best when the odds were stacked against him. The victories in factory-entered cars - Maserati, Mercedes-Benz and Vanwall - still make stirring reading but pale next to the heroic victories in underpowered and privately entered little Coopers

and Lotuses against the might of Ferrari: Buenos Aires 1958, Monza 1959, Monte Carlo and the Nürburgring 1961 were the occasions on which his virtuosity found its most perfect expression.

Moss and his amanuensis, the motor racing historian, Doug Nye, have relied heavily on his diaries, kept with a mixture of boyish enthusiasm and technical diligence. Anecdotes tumble over each other, with just enough mechanical analysis to support the armchair enthusiast's contention that Moss's besetting sin was an over-readiness to involve himself in the nuts and

bolts, an ultimately damaging eagerness to try new tweaks that too often proved fragile.

His judgements on the individual cars are vivid and direct. The *bêtes noires* - or perhaps white elephants - were the disastrous V16 BRM and the brutal Zagato-bodied Maserati coupé which almost asphyxiated him at Le Mans in 1957. Among the favourites are another sports Maserati, the extraordinary "Birdcage", and the elegant C-Type Jaguar, and the unique four-wheel-drive Ferguson single-seater, an experiment which appealed to all Moss's instincts.

There are also such surprises as go-karts, Jaguar saloons and a Morris Minor, plus three enlightening chapters on the development of his driving technique. With a foreword by Fangio and a postscript by Rob Walker, in whose colours Moss achieved his greatest feats, this is perhaps the finest volume ever devoted to a single racing driver and will be particularly relished by those who, as schoolboys in the Fifties, had their imaginations fired by the two exemplary *Books of Motor Sport*.

It strikes me that *The Grand Prix Drivers* (Hazelton/Osprey, £9.95) could provide similar inspiration for today's equivalent: sons, nephews, perhaps even grandsons. Four eminent British grand prix correspondents take the winners of the post-war decades: the Farinas and Fangios of the Fifties, the Clarks and Gurneys of the Sixties, the Stewarts and Petersons of the Seventies, the Piquets and Prosts of the Eighties.

Fine photographs are accompanied by pungent pen-portraits. *Autosport's* Nigel Roebuck describes Jim Clark as "a man to whom races seemed to surrender, one who, like Ascan, won by ingenious command". *Motoring* News's Alan Henry talks of Jackie Stewart as "the great star who drained all emotion from his driving, something which failed to find favour with the traditionalists".

And the doyen of them all, *Motor Sport's* Denis Jenkinson, distils a loving portrait of Juan Manuel Fangio, who won his first world championship at 41 and his fifth at 47. "Young racing drivers of today still feel great emotion when they meet this grand old man of grand prix," Jenkinson writes. For all his millions, the champion of 1957 should be so lucky.

Richard Williams

RUGBY UNION

England manager outlines his plans and ambitions

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Geoff Cooke, England's team manager, is setting the favour of his new role. Yesterday he flew from Yorkshire to London, diverting via Stansfeld because of the weather, to be present at the Rugby Football Union's monthly press briefing before returning home via Rugby, where he was meeting the Midlands divisional selectors.

The fog which hampered him early in the day has not yet entirely dispersed from the position of England coach this season. It seems likely that Cooke himself will have an important part to play and he will call upon the expertise of any other coaches he feels can make a contribution, in a season where his minimum aim is two home wins and as convincing a performance as possible in the opening international, against France, in Paris, in January.

"My ambition is to win the grand slam and unless the players have that ambition too, we are not going to go places," he said. "I must take us some time to get there. Over the last two decades the coach has been put up almost on a pedestal, for everyone to shoot

at. We have changed our thinking, ahead of the other home countries, and the coach or coaches will be used essentially in the preparation of the team.

Cooke's intention is to stage an England trial, on January 2 at Twickenham, the teams for which will be picked the day after the Toshiba divisional championships conclude on December 19. To make the trial as competitive as possible, each XV and reserves will prepare separately on New Year's day and, on the following weekend, the squads for the two internationals in Paris on January 16 will meet for training.

The B international with France, if it has been decided, will take place three hours before the Five Nations match, in the Jean Bouin Stadium, which is next door to the Parc des Princes. England's subsequent B international will be at Leicester, against Italy, on March 14, at a stadium at Imber Court, against Spain on March 18, both evening kick-offs.

"We have the players in this country who can win set piece possession but we have not been too effective at retaining that

possession and making use of it, ahead of the other home countries. The two elements upon which players in the four divisions have been concentrating, while Tom McNab is building upon the conditioning programme he began last season, is to improve the set piece and to improve the scrum and scrum-half. He is an honorary member of the professional club, where he was professional waterman from 1931 to 1946, and Thames will honour him as a special guest at a reception on Sunday.

The Phelps family is steeped in rowing history. They were originally from Fulham and can be traced back in church registers to 1675. But apart from Dick Phelps' great uncle, "Honour" John (1805-90), and his son, the other members of the Phelps family have in recent years come from the other side of the river.

"Honour" John is part of Boat Race history. He was the finishing judge in the only dead heat the race has seen, in 1887, when he supposedly gave a verdict of "a dead heat for Oxford by five yards".

Heavy became the first of the family to win the famous Doggett Coat and Badge race, in 1860, and altogether 10 Phelps have won this prized race. Dick's father, Charles, won it in 1884 and Dick himself in 1923.

But Dick, through his connections with the Thames Rowing Club, became an internationally known figure. He was boatman for the British Olympic team in Los Angeles (1932), Berlin (1936) and Helsinki in 1952, and to the European Championship team in 1959. He was also boatman for the English team in the Empire Games in Vancouver (1954) and Cardiff (1958).

In almost 30 years of observing international rowing, one race in particular sticks out in his mind: "One of the finest races I have ever seen and will always remember was Thames' double scullers Jack Boreford and Dick Southwood sculling down the pride of Germany at Garmisch to win the 1936 Olympic gold medal.

"They went through the Germans in the last two hundred metres exactly opposite the Reichstag and Hermann Goering glumly sat. That victory gave me special pleasure for many reasons."

The Phelps are indeed part of Britain's rich rowing heritage. Richard, Dick's grandson, won a gold medal in the world under-23 championships in 1986. Tom, his brother, was boatman to London Rowing Club for many years; he was the solitary figure standing in the bows of the barge that carried the body of Sir Winston Churchill up-river from Tower Pier in 1965.

By a tragic coincidence, Tom and his brother, brother, Harry (barman at the Fishmonger's Company), both collapsed and died in the rowing boat during the 1965 Boat Race. Richard, Dick's grandson, was a fourth, Bill, to London University. Dick is the only one of five brothers still alive.

Earlier this week, Dick said: "I would like to double scull, probably with my grandson Richard, down past the Henley course during the Royal Regatta next year. I have not the slightest doubt that he will - and he will be applauded all the way."

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BOXING

Private funds for drug testing

By John Goodbody

The Government is this week set to announce a private sponsorship of over £500,000 towards the first two years of its new independent drug control programme, which was yesterday approved by the Sports Council. Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, said that "keen interest" has been shown from the private sector and that he was optimistic that "the package" (totalling £1,442,500) will be funded in full.

From April 1 up to 4,000 tests, both in and out of season, will be carried out annually, with the samples being collected by independent officials and not by representatives of governing bodies. Last year, just over 2,000 people were tested.

In September the Minister told *The Times* that some British governing bodies had "made deals" to ensure that certain competitors would not be tested for drugs at important events. His revelation about corruption in the system was one of the most serious to be levelled in British sport, and came after a two-month inquiry and report by the Minister and Sebastian Coe, a vice-chairman of the Sports Council. Moynihan said that this was why he recommended to the Council that independent testing should be carried out.

Testing will be done without prior notice, although Bill Slater, a Council official, said it would be done sensitively. "We would not be waking people up in the middle of the night."

Several sports, such as rowing, athletics and weightlifting, are already carrying out random testing out of competition.

About 30 governing bodies will be subjected to this programme, and the Council yesterday reiterated the warning, first made in 1985, that anybody not adopting effective anti-doping regulations could suffer withdrawal of grants and services.

The drugs control centre at Chelsea will analyse the tests and the governing bodies notified of the results. But a drugs review panel, chaired by Sir Arthur Gold and with representatives of the Sports Council and the Central Council of Physical Recreation, plus a medical expert, will also know the results. The panel will report to the Council on the findings of banned substances.

The authors of the report said that this was the important step forward in the struggle against drug taking. Coe also emphasized the importance of a declaration last month in Athens by the Eastern European bloc that it was desirable that international federations should perform tests all year round "on condition they do so without fear or favour."

What Britain has started, it is hoped that other countries will follow.

Tit for tat in pit-a-Pat finish

By Ian Stafford

It takes a great deal to create excitement on a dull and cold November afternoon in a rural corner of Surrey but the temperature at Lingfield Park yesterday was raised by day one of the last week of the run-in for the jockeys' championship.

Steve Cauthen began and ended the day three wins ahead of his rival, Pat Eddery, after each had scored one victory. The show moves to Leicester today as the two fight out the closest finish to the season since Scobie Breasley beat Lester Piggott by a short head in 1963.

Cauthen had hardly wiped the sleep from his eyes before winning the first race at Lingfield, the Willow Maiden Stakes, on the Henry Cecil-trained \$1 million debutant, Adhass. Not a great start to the day for Eddery, who trailed over four lengths behind Cauthen's odds-on favourite.

But 90 minutes later he had a winner in the Ken Butler Wines Graduation Stakes: Darnelle, the Khalid Abdulla-owned odds-on favourite.

Eddery, who rides as first jockey to Abdulla on a three-year contract said to be worth £3 million, was set to ride at Leicester yesterday but was forced to switch when Abdulla entered Darnelle at Lingfield. After he had watched Cauthen gallop away with the first race, Eddery was probably relieved that Abdulla had provided him with a dead cert to follow.

The tit-for-tat procedure of yesterday is just about typical of the season. In June, after a triumphant week at Ascot in which he recorded 10 wins, Cauthen forged 14 ahead in the jockeys' championship.



Eddery clawed his way back to level before falling a further nine behind by August. By the first week of October Eddery had established what, at the time, seemed a winning lead of eight. But Cauthen is now the firm favourite to capture his third title.

It is a classic duel between two men who, at least geographically, are oceans apart.

From Kentucky we have Cauthen, aged 27, whose time at Lambourn and Newmarket falls to displace his Kentucky drawl. At 5ft 7in he has had endless weight problems in his quest for supremacy and is currently on 11st 7lb. The son of a blacksmith, Cauthen was exercising horses — against Kentucky law — when he was only 12 years old. Six years later he was voted Sportsman of the Year in the United States, beating Muhammad Ali among others.

From Ireland we have Eddery, aged 35, the son of a former Irish champion called Jimmy Eddery. When he was

THE BIG RACE

STEVE CAUTHEN 192
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Rides today: five — Count Nulin (1-30), Leicester (2-0), Chris Cauthen (2-0), Panel Game (2-30), in Glory (2-0), Magnus Pym (3-30).

PAT EDDERY 189
Winners yesterday: one, Darnelle (8-11).
Rides today: six — Sulcis (1-30), Leicester (2-0), Chris Cauthen (2-0), Panel Game (2-30), in Glory (2-0), Magnus Pym (3-30), Fast Chick (3-30), Festival Mood (4-0).
(Five flat racing days remaining)

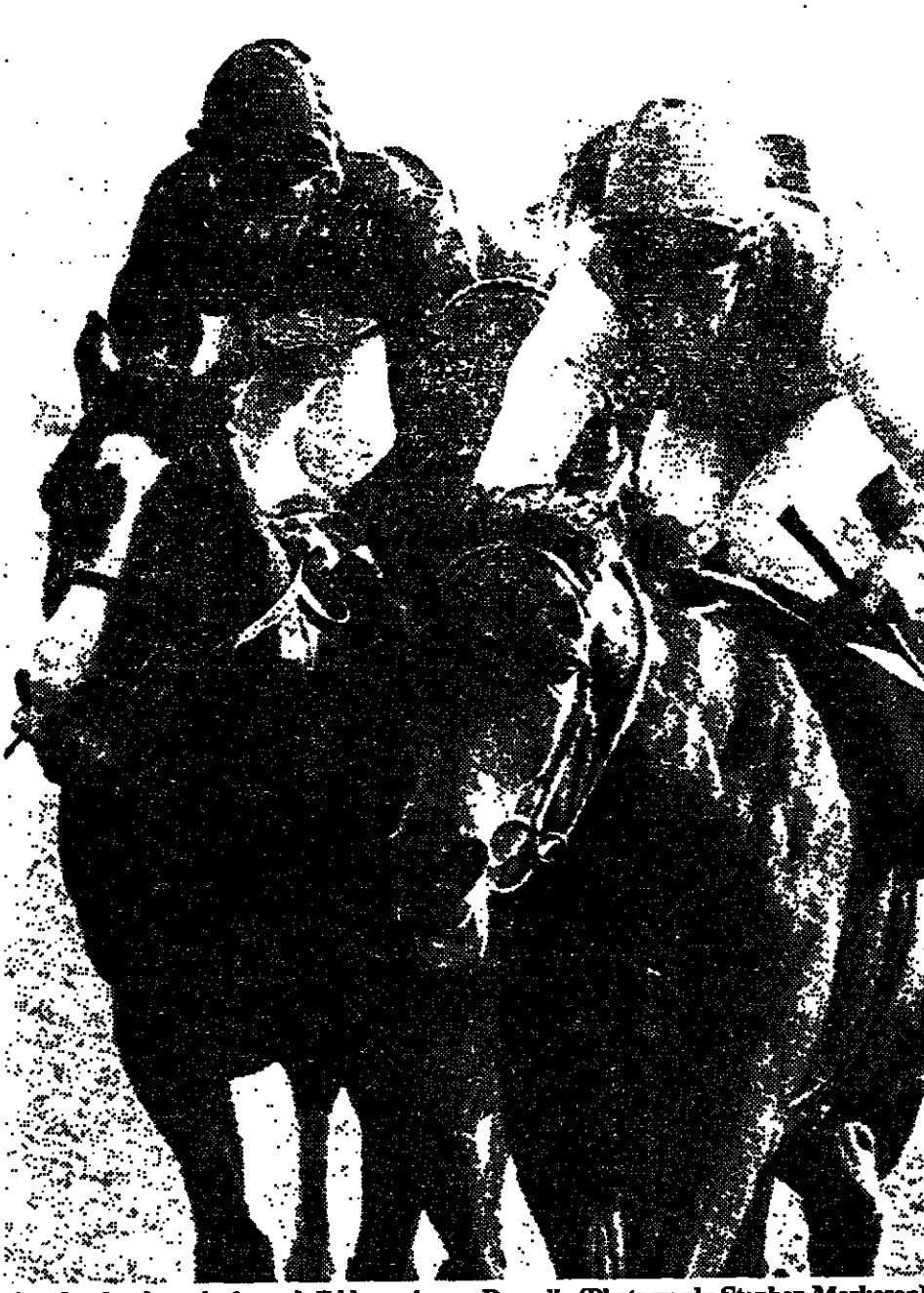
nine years old Pat used to cycle three miles each morning to a training stable near his Dublin. He is the champion and has won the title five times. At 5ft 6in he holds the evident advantage of weighing a natural 8st 3lb.

"Steve would not have gone racing as many days this season if it was not for the championship," John Hammer, the BBC commentator and Cauthen's booker of horses, said. "Pat has always been one to go racing given half a chance but, of course, the title is on his mind."

The bookies have Cauthen as their 2-7 favourite to head the table after the close of the season, at Doncaster on Saturday. Terry Ellis, Eddery's brother-in-law and manager, can see why. "All our ammunition has now been fired," he said. "All our Harwood and Tree runners have finished for the season but Cauthen has got some Cecil-backed rides left. On paper the title looks to be going Cauthen's way but there's no such thing as a sure winner."

Minutes after the last race yesterday, Eddery sprinted out of the weighing-room to a Mercedes, to be driven by Ellis to his Aylesbury home; Cauthen followed rapidly to an awaiting Jaguar, to be driven back to Newmarket.

The season began an eternity ago in March and by now both jockeys are looking for as much rest as possible. Three ahead, and having ridden 153 rides fewer than Eddery, the American will be feeling satisfied this morning, if a little cautious. "There is still some way to go," he said. "I am pleased that I am ahead but I am not assuming anything."



One for the champion's road: Eddery wins on Darnelle (Photograph: Stephen Markeson)

Butcher becomes fourth player to be charged

By Roddy Forsyth

Terry Butcher yesterday became the fourth player to be charged in connection with the Rangers-Celtic match on October 17.

Like his Rangers team colleagues, Graham Roberts and Chris Woods, and Frank McAvennie, of Celtic, he has been accused of conduct likely to provoke a breach of the peace, an offence for which the maximum penalties are three months imprisonment or a fine of £2,000 or both.

Whenever Glasgow's Procurator-Fiscal has finished with his interest in the 'Old Firm' game there will be another inquiry this time held by the Scottish Football Association.

The SFA decided on a full-scale inquest yesterday after a two-hour study of a detailed report by the match referee, Jim Duncan. At least Rangers had the consolation of hearing the SFA secretary, Ernie Walker, say there was no substance to allegations that another person connected with Rangers had been reported by the referee because of an incident which sup-

posedly took place before the match.

The avalanche of publicity threatens to rumble on remorselessly. The Scottish footballer's friend in parliament, the Labour MP, Brian Wilson, is to table a Commons question about the prosecution of Butcher and his fellow players. The Solicitor General, Peter Fraser, will be asked to reply.

Against such a background it seems almost incidental that Rangers fly to Poland this morning knowing that the prize of a place in the quarter-finals of the European Cup will be theirs if they can produce a competent performance against Gorzów, who trail 3-1 from the second-round first leg in Scotland a fortnight ago.

In the first half, Gorzów's performance can aptly be described as amateur, yet after the interval they looked perfectly capable of being very troublesome for Rangers in front of goal.

The Ibrox team has frequently produced dazzling

football this season only to struggle in the later stages of games. Part of the problem may well be caused by the draining schedule facing any successful Scottish club.

A League campaign of 44 games, plus cup matches, which in Rangers' case already include an extended final against Aberdeen, as well as European ties and whatever demands may be made by the national squad, is hardly the formula for Continental success. However, if Rangers can minimize the impact of the latest round of garish publicity attached to the club they can move on in the competition.

Ron Atkinson, the West Bromwich Albion manager, will issue a statement this morning to clarify reports of an incident involving his players during the club's trip to Portugal last week. Meanwhile, four England under-21 internationals — Mark Brennan, Jason Dozzell, Dale Gordon and Robert Rosario — have been dropped for drinking before a match in Toulon in June.

Ferguson after Lawrenson

By Ian Ross

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, is ready to bolster his side's fading championship challenge by signing Mark Lawrenson, Liverpool's unsettled Republic of Ireland international defender.

Lawrenson, who is now aged 30 but still regarded as one of the finest centre backs in European football, is at present unable to hold down a regular first-team place at Liverpool. Although Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool manager, has made it clear that he is determined to keep together one of the largest senior squads in Britain, Lawrenson is known to be unhappy at recent developments.

Ferguson sees Lawrenson as the ideal man to partner Paul McGrath, his international colleague, at the heart of a defence which has been plagued by inconsistency all season.

Four weeks ago Ferguson announced that Bryan Robson would spend the remainder of the season in defence, but if Lawrenson can be persuaded to move to Old Trafford the England captain would be allowed to resume midfield duties.

Though Lawrenson is now very much at the veteran stage of his career — after more than 600 senior appearances spanning more than twelve years — Liverpool are likely to demand, and receive, a fee of around £800,000.

Since Lawrenson was dropped from the Liverpool team in early October, he has been linked with several leading first division sides, including Derby County, Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur, but if he is to move away from Anfield he would undoubtedly prefer a northern club.

Ticket requests raise suspicion

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The Rugby Football Union is investigating clubs and schools who, they believe, may have applied for international match tickets with the intention of selling them to commercial organizations.

"We have identified some 30 applications from schools and nine from clubs which seem highly suspicious," Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, said yesterday. "They are from schools and clubs who do not normally apply for tickets — one is from a school which now plays rugby league, wanting tickets worth £2,800."

"I have written to the headmasters of the schools, requesting a signed assurance that the tickets are for the school members, staff or parents. We are short of replies to those requests," Wood said that there was a "strong West Country bias" to the suspicious applications, though he would not name the individual bodies.

The RFU has already received an indignant blast from schools and clubs who object to commercial organizations writing to them asking whether they are willing to sell tickets, particularly for the game against Wales on February 6, for anything between £50 and £100 (the price of a prime seat at Twickenham is £16).

"The feeling of the whole

rugby world is very strongly against this activity," Wood said. "There is a lot of money at stake for those hoping to get tickets but we will do everything we can to make sure tickets go to genuine supporters of the game."

The RFU has identified a certain common formula in the applications they regard as suspicious, in the number and positions of tickets applied for. The cash value of the ticket applications for the two home internationals, against Wales and Ireland, is £2.4 million, involving some 3,000 application forms from affiliated bodies, but the RFU ticket staff have been able to spot those they regard as potentially false claimants by the size of their requests.

Of that £2.4 million worth of applications, an artificial figure because clubs and schools always apply for more tickets than they want, more than half will be returned because a full ground at two internationals brings in just under £1 million (Twickenham holds 62,000, of whom 44,000 are seated). Indeed, Twickenham could almost be filled by those who apply for the 15,500 top-priced tickets.

Twickenham's capacity will be marginally increased by some 500 places this season by the erection of temporary hospitality boxes.

Corinthian dream puts London on Cup trail

By Barry Pickthall

Five former Olympic oarsmen, two doctors, a solicitor, a dentist, a graphic artist and five other friends emerged yesterday as the power behind the last-minute challenge by the Royal Canoe Club (RCC) for the America's Cup.

Each has raised £1,000 towards the \$25,000 payment on a dream that Londoners will have the willingness, resources and expertise to achieve what so far eluded 11 British millionaires over the past 136 years — win back the 'Auld Mug'.

The syndicate, headed by Brian Hayes, the RCC's commodore and Martin Baucher, a member, was formed last week. The team as yet have no links with a designer, scientists or builder and no clues yet on who should sail their dream boat. The single ideal driving these men to part with their non-returnable deposit is a Corinthian effort, backed, they hope, by a groundswell of enthusiasm from Londoners.

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Attempt to halt delays

The International 12-metre Association has called on Philip Tollhurst, the solicitor for Graham Walker's British America's Cup challenge syndicate, to mediate between San Diego and the New Zealanders over Michael Fay's contentious 90ft challenge for the America's Cup (Barry Pickthall writes).

The New York Supreme Court is adjudicating the case, but according to Walker,

"If everyone in London put a pound into the challenge, we would have £8 million to start with," Baucher said.

When it was suggested that £20 million might be the figure needed to beat Dennis Conner at his own game, Baucher remained unabashed: "Every time we asked someone for £1,000 last week, the money was put on the table."

The mysterious Isis Corinthian YC, which also put in a late challenge, appears to have greater substance. Behind them is John Prentice, who skipped Ballycroy for Britain in the 1975 Admiral's Cup. Prentice has taken over the reins of Richard Branson's proposed challenge after Branson lost interest when the Cup became embroiled in a legal battle.

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Tollhurst will not intercede, only try to negotiate that both parties agree to abide by the judicial decision to avoid a lengthy appeal which would hamper the plans of all syndicates for the next challenge.

The association also voted to allow four moveable underwater appendages so designers can develop forward rudders and rotating wings on keels.

END COLUMN

Three cheers for the Fiscal

By Edward Grayson

Barrister and author of *Sport and the Law*

Three hearty cheers for Glasgow's Procurator-Fiscal, Sandy Jessop, from every true sports lover and citizen who respects authority off the field as well as on it when the two collide, as they did at Ibrox Park two weeks ago. For the players concerned cannot say they were not warned.

At the beginning of last season they were put on notice by not only the Scottish Football Association (SFA), but also by Scotland's Solicitor-General, Mr Peter Fraser, QC. He said he would be advising prosecutions for offences on the field.

And David Will, the SFA president, chairman of Brechin City and a solicitor, said: "Having spent most of the close season stressing that every effort was to be made to stamp out violent conduct and serious indiscipline on the field, the association was appalled to learn that the first day of the new season had been marred by one of the most serious incidents witnessed in Scottish football in recent years."

Resulting from all that, Graeme Souness was suspended for three matches. Rangers were fined £5,000 and Hibernian were fined £1,000. Will emphasized: "It is a relief that we are able to record that actions by players which would have led to a riot had they occurred on the terraces did not spark off catastrophic crowd trouble."

If that had happened, there would have been a clear breach of the peace. To avoid this position, the law provides for a contingency, "likely to provoke a breach of the peace." This is what the police now say happened in the match between Rangers and Celtic a fortnight ago. And if the evidence is there, what should they do? Wait for the riot? Or, rather, wait for the riotous ambiguous attitude to develop of Bert Millichip, chairman of the Football Association (and also a solicitor), as quoted yesterday. "If the football authorities are not able to deal with organizations and discipline at their own matches, it is a sad state of affairs."

It certainly is and who other than the football authorities in England are responsible for it?



Giles: pride and shame

Did Millichip read what his own former player-manager was quoted as saying in August in respect of the progress of Leeds United? John Giles's reported words were: "I get a rush of pride when I think of the great years with Leeds United. I also feel shame now I can see clearly enough that we stretched the rules to breaking point... we went too far, too ruthless. I went too far... we did and we prospered. We never thought there might be a day when we would wonder if the price was too high."

Was any action taken against Giles by his former club chairman, Millichip, over that quotation? Did Millichip make any comment in 1983, when Chris Hutchings, of Chelsea, was prosecuted for conduct likely to provoke a breach of the peace in the crowd at Brighton?

Millichip should reflect upon what Alan Cribb did last season as Rugby Football Union (RFU) president. When Wade Dodder broke an opponent's cheekbone in a rough house in the Wales-England international earlier this year, the RFU hierarchy wasted no time in banning from selection the offender and three other players.

Where does Millichip's responsibility lie? Where did the Wimbledon authorities' responsibility lie when they allowed John McEnroe to continue his abusive conduct which, also, could have been argued as likely to provoke a breach of the peace?

Surely Millichip as a solicitor must realize that no sportsman or sportswoman can be above the law; and that if a game cannot control itself, what are the police to do? Stand back and do nothing, or respond to Scotland's leadership, which all should applaud, however unfortunate the circumstances? "The latest edition to be published by Butterworths next month."

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